



# *The Messenger*

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## **We Stand on Christ and Run**

Please remember the Knier Family, the Krey Family and the Petersen Family in your prayers to our heavenly Father, after our church's recent funerals and these families' loved ones having fallen asleep in the Lord. For the survivors, death is a heavy shock to deal with. One is often numb for weeks and months. Only with time and the Holy Spirit's comfort through the Word will a person start to heal, and healing does come. God's Word promises: "The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" Ps 34:18.

Losing a loved one is like a storm sweeping into a person's life, making Jesus' words all the more precious: "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock" Mt 7:24-25.

For the survivors, you're shaken but not knocked down. The risen Christ beneath you keeps you from falling. For pastors, also, funerals cause a change of our life and schedule, in response to the needs of the family and funeral. We are very willing to do the extra work because that is why we became pastors in the first place. By the Spirit we desire to comfort people in the gospel in all circumstances, especially times of loss. Though the lives of survivors and pastors change at times of death, Jesus calls us to keep fighting the good fight of faith (I Tim 6:12). Even when we are weak, Jesus will lead us to do as Psalm 119:32 says: "I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free".

One simple tool to help us "run" in Christ is one consultant Jeff Davis gave us at our Ministry Planning Workshop in January of 2018. It is called a Vision/Traction Organizer (VTO). It's a tool by which we set 90-day congregational priorities and 1-year congregational goals. Then, every three months, we evaluate our progress. I plan to use the VTO with various church groups from handbells, Trinity Teens, outreach visits, Mystery Dinners and so on. Even if we feel that we are limping, and doing nothing close to running, by the Spirit, we can carry each other in Christ to run.

*Pastor Greg Pope*

## ***Message from the President***

Thank you to the 6 people that came out to help with the highway cleanup last month. Thank you to the people that came out to help with the recent spring cleanup at church May 4<sup>th</sup>. After we were done, Building and Grounds Chairman Dean Petersen and I walked around Pastor's house and the Church and found many things wrong between the two buildings. We need to start getting estimates to fix all of these issues before they get out of control. Hopefully we can have these estimates before our annual meeting. So at our annual meeting don't be shocked when you hear we may have to take a loan out to fix all of these things. Thanks to Jeff Knutson for installing the new light above the mailboxes and also thank you Jeff for donating these items. Last month I asked for volunteers to come forward and get on our planning committee for the future of our church. Remember people this is your church and the same people can't keep doing all the work? In closing, congratulations to our new confirmation class Casey Braun Jr., Kaitlyn Fischer, Matthew Fischer, Cole Fisher, Dakota McArdle, Mitchell Popp (member of Bethany, Manitowoc) and Jordan Sieracki on a job well done. Don't forget our church picnic is May 19<sup>th</sup> now moved to church because of the weather.

*Keith Petersen*  
*Church President*

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Outreach Newsletters  
May 2019

## **I Need More...CONFIDENCE**

Meet Doug. As he toes the line for the final game of his senior year basketball season, he wonders if his scholarship dream is going to happen.

Meet Kristin. As she graduates from college, she wonders if she's adequate for her new job.

Meet Samantha. As she faces her second round of chemotherapy, she wonders if she's going to live.

Meet Scott. As he says his vows to his wife, he silently wonders if his second marriage is going to last.

Have you been there? Doug, Kristin, Samantha, Scott, you and I all have one thing in common: we need confidence. Let's face it; there are times in life that it's easy to be filled with doubt. Doug doubted his future. Kristin doubted her abilities. Samantha doubted her treatment. Scott doubted his love.

But there's One whose future, abilities, treatment, and love never fail. That's the true God revealed to us in the Bible. Our confidence to face whatever life throws our way comes from the promises God gives us in his Word. God kept his promise of sending a Savior for everyone. As our Savior, Jesus

lived perfectly to give us confidence that his life counts for everyone. He died to make the payment necessary for our sins to be forgiven, no matter what we've done. He rose again to give us the confidence that one day we will be with him in heaven. And all this is God's free gift by faith in Jesus.

Because of Jesus, when we doubt our future, God reminds us, "I know the plans that I have for you" (Jeremiah 29:11). When we doubt our abilities, he assures us, "I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you" (Isaiah 41:10). When we doubt our treatment plan, he promises, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). When we doubt love, his Word helps us "grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ" (Ephesians 3:18). That's the difference only Jesus makes.

Need more confidence? Jesus has what you need.

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## **News from the WELS**

### **Moving Forward with the Vietnam Opportunity**

#### **2019/05/07/in Together**

WELS members have responded overwhelmingly to the opportunity that God has given our synod in Vietnam. Gifts have been received from hundreds of congregations and individuals, totaling half of what is needed to support the building project and ministry training costs for a two-year period.

The Hmong Fellowship Church in Vietnam (HFC), a church body with approximately 100,000 members, has asked WELS to provide theological training for its pastors. Their leaders and several dozen pastors have been receiving instruction from WELS pastors for about three years. They have concluded that we are teaching biblical truth and have embraced the teachings of the Lutheran church. They want to be a Lutheran church body. With the permission—and even encouragement—of the Vietnamese government, the HFC has invited WELS to establish a theological training school where eventually all their pastors will receive thorough instruction and pastoral training.

Due to the generous outpouring of support, the first concrete step in making this plan a reality was taken two weeks ago. I, along with Board for World Missions Administrator Rev. Larry Schlomer and Director of Missions Operations Mr. Sean Young (pictured, center), traveled to Vietnam to sign a memorandum of understanding with Vietnamese religious officials and with the leaders of the Hmong Fellowship Church. This agreement enables our synod to secure the use of a four-acre parcel of land on the outskirts of Hanoi and to begin construction of the planned theological training school. Details are now being worked out, and we hope that construction will begin in the near future. Gifts received so far have enabled us to secure the land and will make it possible to build the school. We pray that additional gifts will provide the means to operate the school with WELS instructors.

We do not know where this effort will eventually lead. What we do know is that we have been given an amazing opportunity that would have been unthinkable only a few years ago. As we begin down this road, we do so realizing the risks, but also with our eyes of faith focused on the grace and promises of God and the opportunity he is giving us to proclaim the saving gospel in a place where it has been rarely heard. To God be the glory!

To learn more about this special opportunity in Vietnam, visit [wels.net/vietnamhmongoutreach](http://wels.net/vietnamhmongoutreach).

Serving in Christ,  
President Mark Schroeder

## [Heart to heart: Parent conversations: What's a parent's role as a child dates?](#)

2019/05/01/in FIC Features, Forward in Christ

### **What's a parent's role as a child dates?**

It's not often that I don't chime in with my opinion on a topic, but this is going to be one of those rare moments. My oldest just turned 13, and although the prospect of dating is getting closer every day, this is not a topic with which I have any experience. Honestly, just the idea of my daughter dating makes me a little panicky. That's why I'm grateful that I can turn to wise Christian parents who have been through this stage of parenting—and in some cases still are navigating it—for tips and advice.

Do you have any anecdotes or advice to share about how to approach your child's dating years? If so, e-mail [fic@wels.net](mailto:fic@wels.net) or comment on the articles posted at [forwardinchrist.net](http://forwardinchrist.net).

Nicole Balza

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**I remember when** my oldest son went on his first date as a high school freshman. It was hardly the stuff of romantic legend. Since neither he nor his girlfriend could yet drive, their "date" consisted of sitting in a corner booth at Culver's while I parked myself in a booth nearby and tried to be inconspicuous. I think the date may have ended with an awkward handshake. If only dating could remain this innocent! But as our teens get older and their relationships become more serious, what's a parent's role as a child dates? How much—or how little—do we get involved?

**From the outset, be very clear about dating parameters.** Ask where, when, and what questions. Give firm expectations about rules and curfews, and enforce consequences when rules are broken.

**Meet your child's date and connect with his or her parents, if possible.** Even if you can't meet in person, connect via phone call or text and communicate often. If it's more than a couple of dates, it's very important for both sets of parents to be a "team" when it comes to dating expectations and guidelines.

**Have THE TALK with your child—again.** Sorry, I know it will be cringe-worthy and awkward, but your child needs to learn about sex from you, not the Internet or peers. Look at what God says about purity in relationships (1 Corinthians 6:18-20) and read Galatians 2:20 together to remind your teen that Christ lives in him. Discuss the very real consequences of a sexual relationship outside of marriage—everything from STDs to pregnancy—and the emotional and spiritual impacts it has.

**Be your child's "brain."** It's a scientific fact that the brain isn't fully wired until about age 25. So . . . the developing teen brain + raging hormones = the opportunity for some very poor choices. Parents can help be their child's surrogate brain during the teen years. Although teens have to learn to make their own choices and understand the consequences of their actions, we can help guide them through the dating minefield.

**Model healthy and loving male/female relationships in your home.** Dads, cherish your wife in front of your daughters. Moms, hold your sons accountable by teaching them to respect you and respect women. Also talk about what is and is not acceptable in a dating relationship. Verbal,

emotional, and physical abuse are NEVER okay. If your child is uncomfortable or injured in a relationship, teach him to speak up.

**Be realistic about your teen's dating journey.** Are you married to the first person you dated? It happens, but it's not likely. Keep in mind that dating for our teens is about exploring who they are and what they are looking for in a future spouse. Don't push too hard or encourage your child's dating relationship to be more serious than it should, yet don't be so hands-off that you are unaware of what is happening.

**Pray continually.** I recently told a friend, "I will pray for you. It's the least I can do." She gently corrected me, "No, it's the most you can do." She's right. We forget how powerful and effective prayer is. Bring your child's dating relationship to God in prayer. Ask him to help your child remain pure, make wise choices, and stay safe. Also pray for a God-fearing spouse for your child someday, if they choose to marry. Finally, pray for patience and understanding and to be able to lovingly keep the lines of communication open with your teen as he navigates the world of dating.

Ann Jahns and her husband, Thad, have three sons and a recently emptied nest.

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**I'm a parent of 2 boys and 2 girls ages 15 to 22.** I have a front-row seat to view the corn maze called courting. I admit to thoughts of electronic surveillance, homing devices, and background checks. Making it more complicated is that the way my kids date is as unique as they are. They open up to my wife and me in different ways and to varying degrees.

**Along the way, I have learned a few things:**

**First, crushes are an innocent way of saying, "I like you and want to spend time with you."**

Young teens are practicing their dating legs. They are learning social skills. The early years are building the skills they need for future and more serious relationships.

**You can never prevent them from getting hurt.** Sometimes a parent sees and offers caution such as, "Does the person to whom you're giving your heart make you a better person or bring you down? Liking someone is one thing, but if he makes you feel worse about yourself, ditch him. I don't care how good looking he is." Yet they still get hurt . . . and your heart breaks when your child's heart breaks.

**Take their feelings seriously.** I never joke or make light of their feelings. I may view it as puppy love. But when seen through the lens of a teenager, those feelings of the moment are under a magnifying glass. They are huge and all-consuming. Validate that their feelings are real . . . and realize that these feelings may change at any moment.

I'm still learning . . .

**To know when to quit talking so I can be a better listener.** A good listener will be able to repeat everything back. A deep listener internalizes it, mulls it around, and empathizes with a child. A note of caution—being a listener doesn't qualify you as their "relationship fixer." Parents can't fix relationships. I may want to offer advice on every conversation point. But more important than getting my point across is allowing them to share. That may mean your tongue will bleed from biting it.

**Not to be afraid to ask the hard questions:** "Does your boyfriend drink?" "Are you getting in the car with him?" "Will there be parents supervising that party?"

Sometimes, a boyfriend/girlfriend can be controlling, like when you see a child with ONLY this one person and no longer with his friends. But differentiate between a red flag and a child who is just private. There's a difference between hiding things and not wanting to talk about things.

Finally, I believe that the best way to model dating for your children is to treat your spouse well. It's like the map that helps them through that corn maze.

Donn Dobberstein and his wife, Beth, have four children ranging in age from 15 to 22.

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**Ah, the halcyon days of dating!** The excitement, the romance, the mystery! Will he call? Does she like me? But now, you are the parent, and the word dating seems more worrisome than wonderful. What is your role as a parent in Christian courtship?

**Pray (1 Thessalonians 5:17).** God would have us pray about everything. Certainly early and numerous prayers for our child and his or her future spouse and all things dating fall under this category.

**Teach (Proverbs 22:6).** Godly conversations about the blessings of dating, marriage, and sex should also start early and continue age appropriately as your child matures. Not entirely comfortable with these conversations? Christian books to the rescue! Always remind your child that he or she is a special and loved child of God—single, dating, or married.

**Model (1 Corinthians 13).** Actions speak louder than words! Pray that God gives you the strength to make your marriage a Christian model of sacrificial love. Show your child that your marriage is a priority and a blessing. Fathers, show respect to your wives and daughters. Mothers, encourage your husbands and sons in their Christian roles.

**Advise (Psalm 119:105).** As dating age approaches (in our family rules, that's approximately age 16, because that seemed like a good age, and it's no fun to have your parents drive you on dates), look for moments like car rides or walking the dog that are good talking and listening times. You can regale your children with stories of your own courtship and marriage. But also remind them that while dating can be fun, the ultimate purpose is to look for a husband or wife, and that is serious business. Most important, continue to point them to God's Word. How about a Saturday coffee outing that includes a Bible study with your child, looking at passages on God's love for us, our love for God and others, friendship, marriage, God's timing, temptation, true beauty, forgiveness, what to look for in a marriage partner, how to handle a break up?

**Host (1 Peter 4:9).** As dating age approaches, plan gatherings for your child's class—boys and girls—at your home. Encourage your son or daughter to have their boyfriend or girlfriend over for game nights, baking, movies, and devotions. We call this "family dating." It's a cheap date, but it's also a way for the boyfriend/girlfriend to get to know you, the other siblings, the dog (a true test!), and the Christian values your family holds dear.

**Dating.** Ever since God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him" in Genesis 2:18, men and women have been seeking the perfect partner. Welcome to this exciting/scary/exhilarating/wonderful phase of parenting! God's blessings as you pray, teach, model, advise, and host your dating child of God, relying on God's good guidance and timing.

Ann Ponath and her husband, David, have four kids ranging in age from 14 to 23.

## **Taste and Learn How the Word is Spread**

### **2019/05/07/in Together**

WELS Missions will be hosting its first ever "Taste of Missions" event, July 13, 2019, 12-5 p.m., at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis. WELS families are invited to attend this new opportunity to fellowship with WELS missionaries and families, sample ethnic cuisine from WELS mission fields, and learn more about WELS home, world, and joint mission work.

This family-friendly event will include meet-and-greet opportunities with missionaries, presentations from home and world missions, informative displays about WELS mission fields, a question-and-

answer panel discussion, and more activities for the whole family. The day will conclude with a worship service celebrating the blessings of WELS mission work at 4 p.m.

Director of Missions Operations Mr. Sean Young says, “We are excited to be able to offer this opportunity for our members. This is the second year that missionaries and their families have had a reunion, and this year, we wanted to invite our entire family in Christ for an opportunity to learn more about the exciting mission opportunities they’re supporting.”

Several home and world missionaries and mission representatives are lined up to participate in the event, including Rev. Larry Schlomer, World Missions administrator; Rev. Timothy Flunker, Home Mission counselor; Rev. Luis Acosta, cross-cultural home mission pastor; Rev. Paul Nitz, missionary to Malawi; Rev. Rob Siirila, Asia Lutheran Seminary professor; Rev. Mike Duncan, friendly counselor to South Asia; Rev. Nathan Schulte, Latin America missionary; Rev. Nathan Seiltz, Multi-Language Publications director; and more.

Registration is now open. The cost is \$5 per person; children under five are free. Learn more, view a full itinerary, and register online at [wels.net/tasteofmissions2019](http://wels.net/tasteofmissions2019).

### **CENTRAL AFRICA MEDICAL MISSION – MALAWI/ZAMBIA May 2019 Newsletter**

Since the beginning of 2019, I have been making monthly trips to our clinic at Mwembezhi, Zambia. That’s a bit unusual for the Malawi administrator, but so are the circumstances. Following a field trip to Zambia in the summer of 2018, and in consultation with the Zambian Mission, CAMMC made the decision to hire a Zambian National as Clinic Administrator. In late December 2018, Pastor Dan Sargent who had somehow managed to include Clinic Administrator among all his other duties left Zambia to take a Call back in the United States. With Dan’s departure, so went a lot of institutional memory, and the person who would likely train and mentor our new administrator. Hence my trips to Zambia.

The change in administration has not affected patient care. The medical side of clinic operations has been managed very successfully for years by Mr. Jackson Kalekwa. Jackson is a Lutheran Church of Central Africa (LCCA) member who is something of a local icon and as Clinical Officer-in-Charge has led the effort to provide high quality Christian based health care to the villages served by the clinic. The clinic was given a certificate of excellence for its quality assurance program in health care delivery by the Zambian Ministry of Health.

In January 2019, Mr. Alisad Banda was appointed to be our Clinic Administrator. Alisad is a mature Christian and longtime LCCA member who is married with two children. Until joining CAMM, Alisad worked for the LCCA Board of Charities, managing their home-based health care programs. He is very familiar with the operations at Mwembezhi as he has been involved in various issues related to the clinic. He is currently in the process of completing his degree in Public Health.

Alisad’s background, experience and qualifications make him a natural fit for the position. Add in a Christian heart and mind, a character that believes in hard work, someone who is respectful of the past but looks for improvement, a desire to learn, a belief in team building and inclusiveness, plus a great sense of humor and you can see that hiring Alisda Banda as our Administrator was an easy decision. Alisad clearly understands that his role as administrator in Zambia is to provide Christian leadership and to ensure that the medical staff at Mwembezhi have the resources and support they need.

As Alisad goes through the orientation process, he is gradually learning the job duties such as reporting, accounting, ordering and delivering supplies, petty cash management, payroll, vehicle and property maintenance, insurance, staff discipline and human resources, licensing, government and institutional relations etc. Alisad is a quick learner and is doing well in his new role. We are blessed and thankful to have him as part of our team.

We have also created a **Zambian Lutheran Medical Council**. The purpose of the council is to provide guidance and support to the clinic – but not to run it, and to serve as an information conduit to the LCCA and the Zambia Mission. As an example, budgets, changes in pay and clinic conditions are presented to the medical council for their input and advice but are ultimately approved by CAMMC. The Council is comprised of 5 five members: Our Mission Liaison (chair), The Chairman of the LCCA – Zambia, The Chairman of the LCCA-Zambia Board of Charities, The Director of African Mission Operations, and The Malawi Lutheran Mobile Clinic Administrator. Having our African brothers on the team provides a unique perspective when dealing with African issues. The group has only met once, but we are already seeing positive results as we are making progress in dealing with longstanding clinic land and housing issues.

One of CAMM's long term goals is to turn more of the responsibility for running the clinics over to Zambian and Malawi nationals. This is a big step in that direction. We ask that you please pray for God's blessings for the future of the medical mission in Africa, for Alisad and his family and for the Zambian Lutheran Medical Council.

Gary Evans - Malawi Lutheran Mobile Clinic Administrator

## **Trinity Announcements**

### **Ascension Day Worship – Thursday, May 30**

Ascension Day celebrates our Lord Jesus' victorious return to the Father's right hand in heaven. We are having Ascension Day worship Thursday, May 30, at 7:00 pm. The Trinity Ladies Circle is kindly hosting an ice cream social afterwards, in the Trinity Fellowship Hall. Please join us for worship and the fellowship!

### **Women's Bible Study**

Thank you to all the women that came to our Women's Bible Study this past year on Saturday mornings at 9 am. We will be taking the summer off and resuming on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. All confirmed women of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend a new Women's Bible Study. There will be juice, coffee and other breakfast food items to enjoy! Bring a friend, sister, mother to join you. – Jennifer Pope

### **Sunday Bible Class**

Thank you to those who attended our *My Vocation in Christ* Bible study and other Sunday morning studies we had this past year. The group enjoyed the studies and we pray for many more attendees next term, after Labor Day.

## **Spring Clean Up & Adopt-A-Highway**

It was a great spring day on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> when a small group of members came and enjoyed good work for our church spring cleanup. We thank Dean Petersen, Jim Krim and David Petersen for organizing the work, and for all who helped.

## **Summer Worship Schedule**

The summer worship schedule continues our 9:30 am Sunday service. There will be Tuesday evening worship at 7 p.m. and no Saturday evening service, for the summer. This will be from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

## **Confirmation**

Congratulations to Casey Braun Jr., Kaitlyn Fischer, Matthew Fischer, Cole Fisher, Dakota McArdle, Mitchell Popp (member of Bethany, Manitowoc) and Jordan Sieracki for being confirmed in their confessional Lutheran faith on May 5. We ask Jesus to prosper them in faith by his Holy Spirit!

## **ONE BOOK CHALLENGE**

The Trinity Library is proposing a ONE BOOK CHALLENGE to the congregation. For the next 3 months we ask that you select one book from the library and read it. This challenge is for adults and children of our congregation. It is easy to do. Select a book, write your name and date 3 weeks on the card, to loan out the book (if longer is needed, take the card back and re-stamp the date).

The card is usually on the back cover, you sign your name and date and place it by your name in the file box in the library. We have added 94 books and videos since October 2018. We have a varied selection. Please take this challenge opportunity to check out your library. Reviews can be written. The reviews are in the folder on the side of the library and are returned back to the folder.

## **Library News**

*A Portrait of Peter*, this book outlines the 3 stages in the Apostles life. Peter is called and trained in the first stage, he is placed in a position of leadership in the second and eases out of the limelight in the third phase. Especially in the study of the third stage, where Peter's work is overshadowed by the emergence of the Apostle Paul.

*If God Loves Me Why Can't I Get My Locker Open* - Lorraine Petersen. This book squarely faces the issues that are confronting our teens today. If you are a teenager, this book will help you to grow in a Christian Life.

*SOUL SPA* by Sharla Fritz - Soul Spa is a place where tired spirits can find a tool through renewal and practices known as spiritual disciplines. During the 40 days of readings and Bible study you will find meaningful ways to connect with God, allowing him to restore your soul. Soul Spa provides for our spirits what a spa can offer for our bodies, activities and nourishment for a healthy spirit. It contains good basics for your spiritual journey.

“But they who wait for the Lord, shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31

## **Missions**

We had 97 participants at the Spring Rally held at St. John-St. James, Reedsville. The speaker was Rebecca Wendland, a missionary wife who wrote about her daily life in the country.

The Fall Rally will be at Bethany and the Spring Rally, 2020 will be at Trinity.

“He is my loving God and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield, in whom I take refuge, who subdues people under me.” Psalm 144:2

### **Announcement Deadlines**

If you would like to put an announcement in the bulletin for the weekend, please e-mail the church secretary by Wednesday morning at noon.

If you would like to put an announcement in the church newsletter, please e-mail the church secretary by noon on Thursday. The newsletter comes out on the second weekend of the month.

### **2020 to the Oberammergau Passion Play**

Retired WELS pastor, James Humann, invites you to join and fellow WELS members on a June tour to the 2020 Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. The dates are June 12 - 22, 2020. This world-famous play depicts the life of Jesus from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday and is presented only every ten years. The performance begins in the afternoon and ends in the evening. This eleven-day tour includes not only first-class tickets and accommodations in Oberammergau, but also the beautiful Rhine Valley of Germany, the medieval and picturesque cities of Heidelberg, Rothenberg and Munich in Germany, Lucerne in Switzerland and Paris in France. For a colorful brochure with the price and daily itinerary e-mail Pastor Humann at Jhumann383@aol.com. If you prefer a hard copy, also include your mailing address. Space and Passion Play tickets are limited. The tour is half sold out. Early registration is encouraged.

### **Flower Signup**

If you would like to put altar flowers on the altar for a special occasion, in memory of someone, or in celebration of something, please sign up.

### **WCUB Radio Broadcast**

The WCUB Radio Word of God Broadcast sponsor sign-up sheet is in the narthex. You can sponsor a broadcast in memory of or in honor of someone, but a dedication is not required. Multiple families may sign up each month, so you can donate whatever amount you'd like. Please feel free to do so. Our WELS area sermon broadcast is 9:00 am each Sunday morning on WCUB, which is AM 980 on the radio dial. Pastor Pope can be heard on the third Sunday of each month, from 9:00 – 9:15 am. The cost to sponsor the monthly broadcast is \$107 (same as last year). Please make the check out to Trinity.

### **Greeter Sign-up**

In the narthex (the gathering area in back of church), is the new greeter sign-up list. No training required; just a happy face and hand out bulletins. If you are willing to be a greeter one Sunday – welcoming members and guests to church – please sign up.

### **Remember SCRIP**

If you would like to purchase SCRIP, just pick up an order form in the lower level of church. Fill it out and take the completed form with payment to MLHS. If you take the order to MLHS, it will normally be filled while you wait. Any questions, please contact the SCRIP office at 682-0215, ext. 116.

To show what a blessing the SCRIP program can be, we recently received a statement informing us that through our members' use of SCRIP, \$168.53 will be given as a charitable contribution to MLHS and \$187.25 will be given as tuition assistance to future MLHS students from our congregation. The more people use SCRIP, the greater the future tuition assistance will be.

### **Phone Number, address Change or e-mail address**

Please notify the church office if you have a change of address, phone number or e-mail address. You can also make the changes on the Friendship Registries as well. We need to keep our church records up to date. This is important for church mailings and helpful to Pastor and the Church secretary. Thank You!

### **Church Office Hours**

Church office hours are: Monday-& Friday, noon – 1:30 p.m.

### **St. John's Newtonburg From The Principal**

Only two weeks left to go?!? Is it true what they say, "no more pencils, no more books, no more teachers' dirty looks...?" It's true that our school year will be ending soon. Is it also true that "learning" will end? Of course not!! The life-long student never stops learning. I would pray that our families would consider this as we approach the summer months. The children should always continue learning. Library programs. Summer class options. Camps. There are many ways to keep your child engaged during the summer months. Education NEVER stops!! The most important of course, is the process of continuing to learn about our God and His Word!

### **EDUCATION**

**Definition:** The process of learning

2 Timothy 3:15 When should education begin?

Proverbs 20:7 What are children of the righteous considered?

Proverbs 29:15 What must be included in education?

Deuteronomy 11:18-20 How frequently should parents discuss God's ways?

2 Timothy 1:5 Will good Christian training be noticed?

Explain.

### **MLHS**

**MLHS BOARD OF CONTROL:** MLHS would like to thank all of the Board Members for their faithful service. As another school year wraps up, we have some ending their service and some newly elected Board Members. The exiting Board members are Alec Otto, Pastor Cole, and Nathan Brooks. Newly elected board members are David Lindemann, David Backus, and re-elected Corey Marohn. Thanks again for your time and commitment to your high school.

**CALL UPDATE:** The federation called Pastor Paul Schroeder to teach in our religion department. He currently serves a congregation in Apache Junction, AZ, which is near Mesa, which is near Phoenix. The federation also made a provisional call to Mr. Greg Fictum to be the Director of Mission Advancement for MLHS. Greg is a layman and member at Trinity, Kiel, and is currently serving in the development department at Concordia-Mequon. A part-time call was extended to Mr. Robert Fink to teach German 1 & 2 and Algebra 2. Mr. Fink has accepted the call. Thank you for your prayers and support to your high school.

**REV. LOREN A. SCHALLER CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME** - Loren was born July 14, 1922 in Renville, MN to Rev. Herbert Schaller and Irene Feyerherm Schaller. Baptized July 26, 1922 by his

father, confirmed April 5, 1936 by his father, Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Tomah, WI. He entered eternal life April 11, 2019, having been a resident of Tucson, AZ since 1984. To read the detailed obituary go to [www.mlhslancers.org/schaller](http://www.mlhslancers.org/schaller).

**SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT: Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at MLHS at 7PM**-Manitowoc Lutheran High School Senior Awards night will be held in the MLHS gymnasium. Come and celebrate the wonderful achievements of the class of 2019. Scholarships and awards will be presented as well as speeches by our Valedictorian (Madelyn Koenig) and Salutatorian (Leah Kuchenbecker). All are welcome to come and show support for our graduating class.

**GRADUATION: Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at MLHS-Join us in saying farewell to the class of 2019.**

**CLASS VERSE:** Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

Deuteronomy 31:6

**KAREN KEHL'S RETIREMENT:** After 28 years of faithful service, Immanuel of Manitowoc, will say "thank you" for Karen's Godly dedication. Everyone is invited to attend the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. A reception will follow. Please bring a dish to pass. Chicken, ham and desserts will be provided. Feel free to call 920-684-3404 with any questions you may have.

**MLHS SPORTS SUMMER CAMPS:** Registration is open for the summer grade school sport camps. Please go to [www.mlhslancers.org/sportcamps](http://www.mlhslancers.org/sportcamps) to register your children today!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**5/22/19 Wed:** Senior Awards Night—7PM at MLHS

**5/25/19-Sat:** Graduation—2PM at MLHS

# Church Attendance for April



Combined total for Saturday/Sunday

## April 2016

**Week 1:** 44/73=117

**Week 2:** 69/73=142

**Week 3:** 37/93=130

**Week 4:** 50/198\*=248

*\*Pre K – K Newtonburg sang*

**Monthly: 637**

## April 2018

**Easter Sunrise: 51**

**Easter Late: 206**

**Week 1:** 43/106=149

**Week 2:** CANCELLED/BAD WEATHER

**Week 3:** 58/97=155

**Week 4:** 55/136\*=191

*\* Confirmation Sunday*

**Monthly: 752**

## April 2017

**Week 1:** 54/88=142

**Wednesday: 54**

**Week 2:** 35/141=176

**Maundy Thursday: 72**

**Good Friday: 63**

**Easter Sunrise: 71**

**Easter Late: 185**

**Week 4:** 29/68=97

**Week 5:** 34/246\*=283

*\* Confirmation Sunday/Newtonburg 1-4 sang*

**Monthly: 1143**

## April 2019

**Wednesday: 42**

**Week 1:** 30/107=137

**Wednesday: 53**

**Week 2:** 31/91=122

**Maundy Thursday: 79**

**Good Friday: 52**

**Easter Sunrise: 58**

**Easter Late: 204**

**Week 4:** 33/147\*=180

*\* Confirmation Examination Sunday*

**Monthly: 885**

*“God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”  
John 4:24*

## *A Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to...*

5/11 Lori Schleis  
5/12 Larry Fischer  
5/15 Ivy Johnson  
5/17 David Petersen  
5/17 Evan Ott  
5/18 Mona Hansen  
5/19 Elwood Free  
5/21 Michael Kaufmann  
5/21 Ivy Silbernagel  
5/24 Al Gulseth  
5/24 Jessica Williamson (Johnson)  
5/25 Todd Bergmann  
5/25 Tenley Evenson  
5/26 Tim Petersen  
5/27 Tabitha Matznick  
5/31 Jennifer Pope

### **June Birthdays**

6/2 Brent Bratz  
6/6 Wayne Petersen  
6/7 Danny Faber  
6/8 Paul Nagel  
6/10 Denise Free  
6/10 Nicole Glaeser  
6/11 Michael Rusch  
6/12 Ben Gauger  
6/13 Derrick Krey  
6/13 Pam Lutze  
6/13 Sandy Truttschel  
6/14 Breanna Glaeser  
6/16 Zach Kenneke  
6/17 Jeff Kasten  
6/17 Marty Kiesow

## *Happy Anniversary To...*

5/11 Ron & Marge Hacker – 45 Years  
5/13 Shelby & Ivy Johnson – 36 Years  
5/20 Andrew & Jackie Kiesow – 13 Years  
5/20 Lawrence & Karen Teesch – 47 years  
5/27 Shane & Bailey Ohlrogge – 2 Year  
5/27 Warren & Pamela Lutze – 41 Years  
5/28 Gary & Denise Preston – 36 Years  
6/5 Scott & Patricia Bratz – 10 Years  
6/6 Harold & Ann Luebke – 60 years  
6/8 Dean & Pamela Petersen – 35 years  
6/14 Derrick & Sue Krey – 44 Years  
6/15 Chad & Jessica Hemenway – 7 Years  
6/16 Jacob & Katelyn Brooks – 1 Year  
6/17 Larry & Lois Fischer – 36 Years

*If you have a May/June birthday or anniversary and it is not listed correctly please let us know so we can update your information. Thanks!*

Date:	Ushers on Schedule:
Saturday May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Greg Buechner, Andy Kiesow
Sunday May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Andy Fisher, Eugene Borgwardt, David Mellstrom, Todd Petersen
Sunday May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Olm (Server), Fred Schnell (Server), James A. Ott, August Teesch
Tuesday May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Krim (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Bryan Denk
Thursday May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Olm, Ron Kasten
Sunday June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	David Petersen, Wayne Otto, Caden Jungbluth, Jeff Kasten
Tuesday June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Petersen, Jeff Tuschel

If you are unable to make your scheduled service, please call Greg Buechner.

**Communion Liturgy:** Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for you, for your sins.  
 Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.  
 May this strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Depart in peace; your sins are forgiven. Amen.

**Altar Guild: May – Group 3**

Marlene Borgwardt, Polly Popelars, Ilona Fisher, Diane Smith

***Our Greeters for May***



- May 19<sup>th</sup> Eileen Pleuss*
- May 26<sup>th</sup> Gary Vetter*
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> Tammy Bratz*
- June 9<sup>th</sup> ??*
- June 16<sup>th</sup> ??*
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> ??*
- June 30<sup>th</sup> ??*



## Bible Quiz – “Quirky Characters”

1. This man is known for being meek (humble).
  - a. Moses
  - b. Gideon
  - c. Nimrod
  - d. Cain
  
2. This man is known for being short.
  - a. Nehemiah
  - b. Joseph
  - c. Zacchaeus
  - d. Joel
  
3. This man is known for being fat.
  - a. Eglon
  - b. Aaron
  - c. Judas
  - d. Obed
  
4. This man ate grass for many years.
  - a. Shishak
  - b. Nebuzaradan
  - c. Rabshakeh
  - d. Nebuchadnezzar
  
5. Which of the following was known for being left-handed?
  - a. David
  - b. Ehud
  - c. Elisha
  - d. Micah

**Answers: 1.) a [Numbers 12:3] 2.) c [Luke 19:2-4] 3.) a [Judges 3:17] 4.) d [Daniel 4:33] 5.) b [Judges 3:15]**

# The Power Source

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.  
Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-8



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