



The Mountain Top Messenger

ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, ASHLAND, WI AUGUST 2018

We here we are entering the final third of our North Wisconsin summer. As I look back at the first two months the thought comes to mind; “where did those two months go already?” it also seems like it has been a summer of extremes, extreme heat, extreme wind, extreme rain, and sometimes it seemed like all three at the same time. But even with all those extremes it has been, at least for me a very enjoyable summer so far. I have gotten in my share of golf, I have visited all of our shut ins several times already, and in July I have had the privilege to conduct worship services at Immanuel Lutheran Church at Little Girls Point (LGP). It is a wonderful little church and a great group of people that worship there. And now August looks like a busy month as well, we have VBS starting August 6 going through the 8th, I have two more Saturdays to help out at LGP, and I have a wedding to conduct. Now, I don’t want you to get the wrong idea, I am certainly not complaining about my schedule, nor do I want you to think that I am busier than anyone else. My point in this is to share a little something, and that something is, that in all our busyness, all our running around, whether it be at a golf course, at a beach, watching fireworks, or enjoying time fishing, picnicking or just being part of nature, there is always an opportunity to first, take in the grandeur and beauty of God’s marvelous creation and thank him for all that he has provided for us. Secondly, when you are doing all that be ready to share the good news of the Gospel while you are doing it. It may just be me, but I have had more opportunity to share God’s message of love and salvation this summer than ever before. The other thing that I have found is that it seems to me that people seem far more interested in listening, to hearing God’s Word, to asking good questions about what it is all really about. I don’t know if you have noticed but I believe people are starving for direction, for meaning, for some kind of understanding, particularly as they see, more and more, that the world does not have all the answers. All we have to do is be ready to offer and answer when they question, we have to be like Paul. Paul was in Athens, surrounded by an idolatrous world looking for answers and they invited him to speak. Paul took that opportunity to tell them about God, he pointed out their statue to the unknown god, and explained to them about the God, the God who made heaven and earth, the God who also sent His Son to die for them to save them from their sin and from their lost world. If you would like to read the account, you can find it in Acts 17:22-34. I highly recommend it.

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Sunday 10:15am Monday 10:00am

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The point in all this, as Paul said to his disciple Timothy, and I say to you: *"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom:² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,"* (2 Timothy 4:1-3).

Share the message of Christ my friends, the time is short, I have a note that hangs on my desk that I received many years ago, it says the following; "Every person you meet is either spending eternity with God in Heaven or separated from Him in Hell."

As you travel this summer and always, remember, when is He coming? Soon!

Share the message of salvation.

May the peace of God keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, Amen

Pastor Rick



Our Prayer Concerns

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

<i>Bob Heggie</i>	<i>Kevin Heggie</i>	<i>Joni Frisco</i>
<i>Brad Prill</i>	<i>Jean Wickman</i>	<i>Johnny Galligan</i>
<i>Alice Balmer</i>	<i>Mary Bullis</i>	<i>Tim Smith</i>
<i>Jim Bullis</i>	<i>Ellen Hodgson</i>	<i>Doug Tutor</i>
<i>Patti Louko Berg</i>	<i>Barb Bjork</i>	<i>David Kaarre</i>
<i>Joan Spalding</i>	<i>Ruth Goldman</i>	<i>Eric Kontry</i>
<i>Lloyd Koosmann</i>	<i>Sandy Fletcher</i>	<i>Tim Fulton</i>
<i>David Palm</i>	<i>Theresa Koosmann</i>	
<i>Randy Lauer</i>	<i>Mary Helen Bergschneider</i>	
<i>Marie Carlson</i>	<i>Margaret Goodwin</i>	<i>Mike Dimich</i>
<i>Steve Wahlston</i>	<i>Crase Family</i>	<i>Crystal Flectcher</i>
<i>Gail Schielke</i>	<i>Doris Nye</i>	<i>Steve Gilmore</i>
<i>Ruth Young</i>	<i>Marty Kaarre</i>	<i>David Janes</i>
<i>Sheryl Hildebrandt</i>	<i>Heather Gust</i>	<i>Lou Pearce</i>
<i>Rob Wegener</i>	<i>And those in our hearts.</i>	

PRAYERS FOR HOMEBOUND

Those who aren't able to attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them. *Walt Schutte, Arlene Zimmerman, Madge Houle, Donna Graves*

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families. *Aaron Esala, David Wright, Johanna Pearce, Emily Melecha, Tucker Melecha*



Mustard Seed

Daily Devotions

Lutheran Women in Mission

**Have you lost this sweet assurance?
Hang on to the promises of God.**

In the Word

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.

[John 3:16 GNT](#)

Of the Word

“How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.” So begins Elizabeth Barrett Browning’s famous sonnet to her beloved. Perhaps her list included all the superlative qualities she thought made her husband, Robert, worthy of her love.

Yet, in our relationship with God, nothing we are, nothing we have done, is truly worthy of His love. We have no list of “superlative qualities” at all. Still, ... *God has shown us how much he loves us – it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us ([Romans 5:8 GNT](#))! See how much the Father has loved us! His love is so great that we are called God’s children... ([1 John 3:1a GNT](#)). But that is not all; we rejoice because of what God has done through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has now made us God’s friends ([Romans 5:11 GNT](#)).*

God loves sinners and has sacrificed His own Son to draw us back to Himself as His children, His friends.

Walking with My Lord

Father, thank You for Jesus, my Savior. Thank You for Your constant love. Help me love others as You love me. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.



AUGUST – MISSION OF THE MONTH

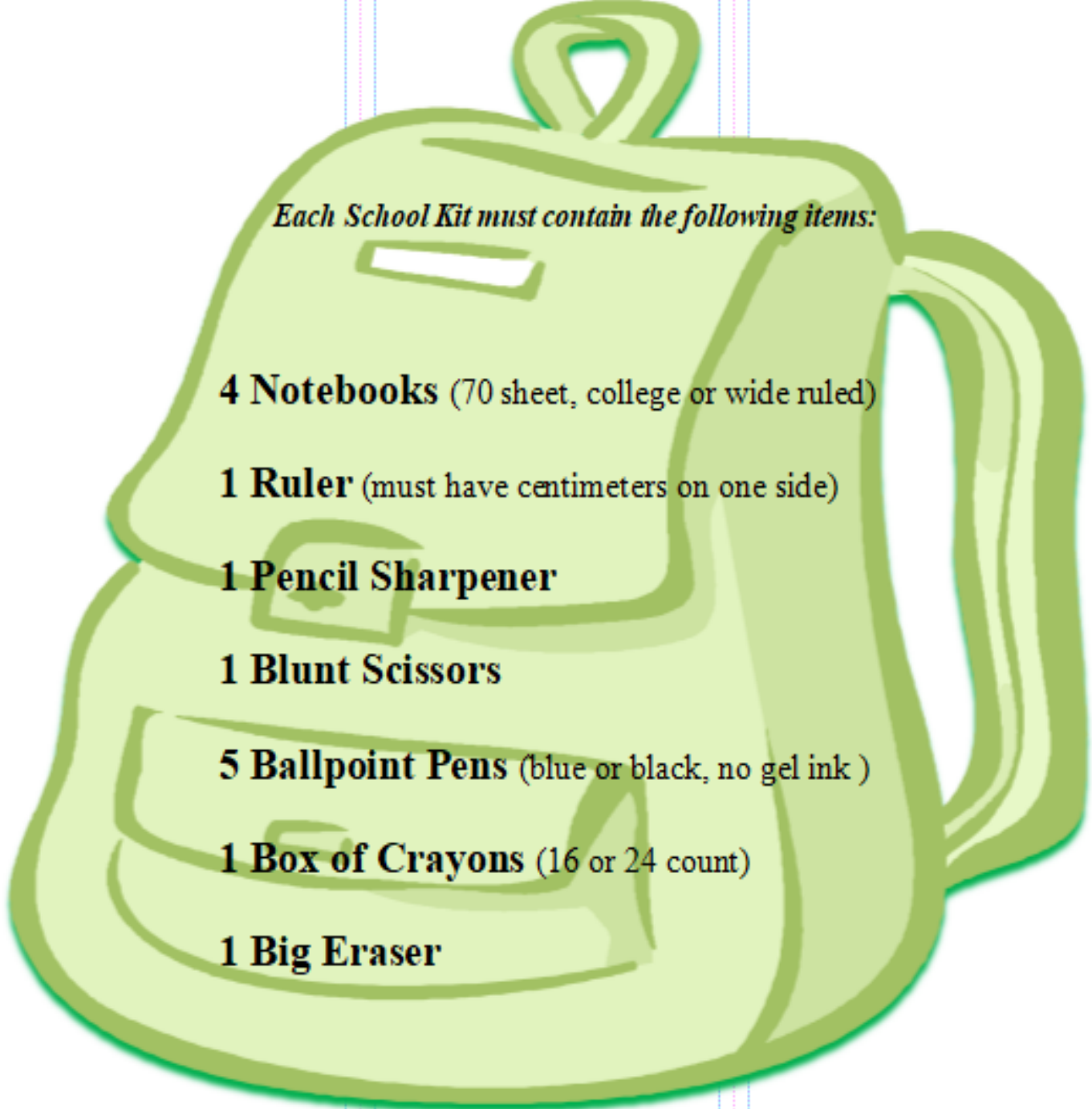
Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Labor Day is just around the corner and that signals the beginning of school in our area. But many children worldwide are not able to attend school simply because they do not have the required supplies. Education is the key to opening doors out of poverty.

Please donate items from the list below.

You may donate all or just some of these items.

(Note: you do NOT need to supply a backpack, just the school supplies)



Each School Kit must contain the following items:

4 Notebooks (70 sheet, college or wide ruled)

1 Ruler (must have centimeters on one side)

1 Pencil Sharpener

1 Blunt Scissors

5 Ballpoint Pens (blue or black, no gel ink)

1 Box of Crayons (16 or 24 count)

1 Big Eraser

Plain is best...do not donate items with symbols, flags, camouflage, etc.

August 26, 2013

-A. Ellis



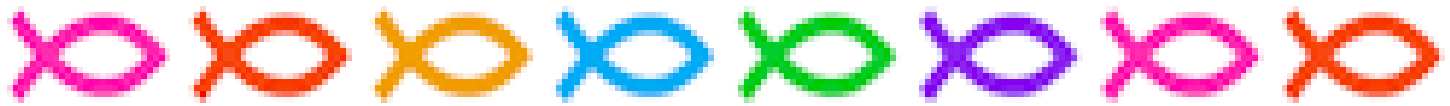
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
And return not thither but water the earth,
Making it bring forth and sprout,
Giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater
So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth;
It shall not return to me empty,
But it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
And prosper in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:10-11

The past few days have been very hot and muggy, we were waiting for relief. So last night we welcomed the full-blown lightning, the boom of thunder, and the heavy rain. The first flashes occurred after midnight and the storm lasted until 4:00 a.m. I knew that it had rained hard, but I was surprised to see in my Dad's rain gauge that we had 4 inches. What surprised me even more was when I walked to get the newspaper this morning, there were no puddles on our driveway. The thirsty land drank the rain storm.

Later in the day I went to check our garden and saw new furrows in the field designed by the rushing water during the night. Even the high-ground in my flower garden, the golden-globe stalks were mowed down by the rain. Near the corn patch, the grass was bent in a neat row. Here and there were obvious clues that we did have 4 heavy-weight inches of rain in a short time.

Isaiah 55 encourages us to speak God's word often and abundantly. We just don't know what parched lives will be bent and refreshed with His words. For God uses rain and snow to stir seeds of growth and satisfy the hunger and thirst of those waiting for relief. He even attaches a generous promise that his purpose and prosperity will be accomplished.

Yes, God's Word invites us to be active participants in this adventure of faith, and Isaiah's reference to earthly events reminds us that **we are** God's divine messengers. The cues will usually not be lightning flashes, or booming thunder; but rather opportunities will arrive, and stories of faith will be told. This "good news" is for all seasons: rain and snow. Many are waiting to drink the living water of hope, and eat the daily bread of life. Let us be ready to tell His story.



Stewardship Thoughts



The stewardship of time is one we are all familiar with. “If there were just more hours in a day to get done what needs to get done, I don’t have time to do it, I need more time.” I’m sure you can add more to the list.



Let’s take moment to reflect. Hymn 733, Verse 5 states, “Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away; We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op’ning day.” Time is like moving water, it flows. It can’t be hoarded. Remove water from a river of flowing water, and the water removed in a container becomes stagnant, stale and smelly. It no longer flows. You can’t pull minutes out of a day to save. They’re gone.



A person is either a good or poor steward of time. It is either black or white. There can be no gray, no middle ground.



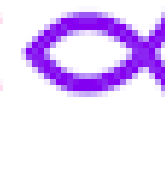
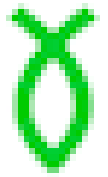
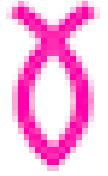
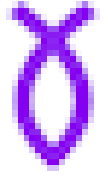
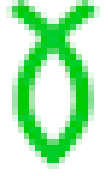
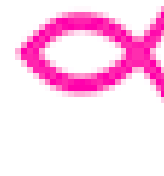
Clocks were made for us, not we for clocks. When we try to cram more into a twenty four day we become miserable. We are not the owners of time. God is. We were created to be stewards of God’s creation, including time. Time is a gift from The Lord as much as family or money, land, skills, and abilities. The baptized and redeemed children of God are stewards of time and all other created gifts from The Lord so they may accurately and honestly reflect the image of the One who has given these gifts. This reflection of the image of God comes in when the steward manages this blessed resource for the glory of God and the benefit of others.



When an attempt to hoard is made on something that can’t be hoarded the results are less than desirable. Time used for self-centered purposes still slips away and is lost. Everything the steward is and has is to be used for the purposes of the Gospel for the sake of those who need to know what Jesus has done for them. This is the lesson to learn from the stewardship of time.



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NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

the Happenings



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The President's Message – July 2018

BY THE NUMBERS

Recently the District Office received the statistics for all of the congregations of our District. Close to 85% of the congregations filled out the statistics form that was sent to all congregations so the numbers are pretty accurate.

What do these numbers on the next page tell us?

- That about 30% of our members are in worship on a Sunday/weekend.
- 12% of our worshippers are in Bible study on a Sunday. (About the same number of adults are involved in midweek bible study.)
- 3% of confirmed members are in bible study.

Questions to consider?

- Does your congregation offer at least one bible study a week for the members to attend?
- Do you invite your family, fellow members or neighbors to join you at worship?
- Do you invite your fellow members to join you at bible study?

If you wish to find out your congregation's statistics that were submitted to Synod, click on the following link http://locator.lcms.org/nchurches_frm/church.asp. Type in your city's name, select your congregation from the list; this will bring up the congregation page. Click on "View Statistics" and you will be able to see the statistics for your congregation for the past 10 years (provided they have been submitted).

Here are some numbers that I shared at our District convention from the 2017 statistics that were submitted by our congregations:

- 45 congregations averaging under 35 in worship (compared to 13 in 2002).
- 95 congregations averaging between 36-100 in average worship attendance.
- 45 dual parishes

If you are averaging over 100 in worship – you are larger than 65% of the congregations in our District.

Bottom line: What can we – pastor and people together – do to encourage people to hear the Word of God at worship and/or in Bible study? What are we doing to encourage our people to come to the Lord's Supper? Are we inviting our unchurched co-worker, friend or family member to join us at worship or bible study? It is not our job to convert them – that is the work of the Holy Spirit, but as St Paul asked: **"How are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?"** (Rom 10:14)

May God bless our efforts to share God's Word!

Rev. Dwayne M. Lueck, District President

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A complete 10-page copy of July's Newsletter is on the bulletin board for your viewing.

NWD STATS 2018

self reported by congregations using 2017 statistics



92,729
baptized
members



1,199
new baptisms
(infant and
adult)



73,267
confirmed
membership



27,701
average
weekly
worship
attendance



\$42,574,061
total
contributions
to churches



2,236
adult members
in Sunday
Bible class



216
NWD Churches



\$1,875,000
Projected income
from congregations
to NWD (2018)



39%
North WI District
support to Synod
2018



42-19-3
preschools-
elementary-
high schools



Our Mission: ENCOURAGE, NETWORK, EQUIP

News and Events

Upcoming Events:

- New Worker Orientation - August 28, 2018 - Camp Luther, Three Lakes (Watch for New-er Teacher Gathering coming this fall!)
- Fall Pastors' Conference - Sept. 24-26, 2018 - Metropolis Resort, Eau Claire
- Pre-Retirement Workshop - October 19, 2018 - NWD Office, Wausau
- Office Support Staff Gathering - Oct. 23, 2018 - St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Wausau
- North / South Teachers' Conference - Nov. 1-2, 2018 - WI Dells

Please Note - On **Monday, August 6th** the District Office will only be open from **11am – 3pm** due to our new Board Orientation session which will be held offsite.

Early Childhood Director Regional Meetings

This July and August the NWD is holding its first set of regional meetings for early childhood directors. Directors are encouraged to bring a guest or two: lead teacher, pastor, board chair. The theme is Telling the Story of Jesus. Telling the story is the reason our centers exist. Often the struggles of staffing, budgets and schedules push the intentional sharing of our Christian faith to the sideline. School leaders will share intentional ways to tell the story of Jesus Christ throughout their center. Host sites include:

- Christ the King, Ishpeming - August 2
- St. Paul, Bonduel - August 3
- Trinity, Merrill - August 16

Registration can be found on the homepage of www.nwdlcms.org.

NWD Church Workers' Annual Golf Outing

Registration is now open for the annual NWD Golf Outing on July 30, 2018 at Pine Valley Golf Course in Marathon. Church workers and friends of the NWD are encouraged to participate. [Registration for golfers & sponsorships](#) is available on our website. Thanks to Pastor Lance Hoelscher (Mount Olive, Weston) for organizing and leading this year. Join us for this annual event as we celebrate the amazing church workers of our district!

Themes from Synod Released

The Synod has released annual school year themes for the next two years. These themes are used to create and connect multiple resources, including weekly Chapel Talks and National Lutheran Schools Week materials. The theme for the 2018-19 school year coincides with the 2019 LCMS National Youth Gathering and uses Psalm 46 as the scripture verse: Real. Present. God. Churches without schools or preschools can use these resources to support our Lutheran schools throughout the NWD. They would love to have your support!

2019 National Youth Gathering

Minneapolis, MN - US Bank Stadium, July 11-15, 2019! Looking for updates about the already planned District Event for the NYG? Want to sign-up on the Facebook group page to stay connected with your NWD NYG coordinators, Samantha and Tara? Check out important updates on the NWD website under the tab Missions/Youth Ministry or directly at <http://www.nwdlcms.org/youth-ministry.html>.



News and Events

Mission Mini Grants Still Available

Looking for some extra financial resources for a meaningful outreach event at your church? The NWD still has funds available to fund grants for local witness and mercy outreach. Schools, churches, youth groups, and early childhood centers can apply, but only one application per church body per year will be awarded and the application must come from the pastor. Combining NWD Mini-Grants with Thrivent/other agencies is encouraged. Grants will be awarded to approved applications until funds are exhausted. Complete the application found on the [Financial Resources](#) page of the NWD website or click [HERE](#). Contact DJ with questions at dj@nwdlcms.org.

Hearts for Jesus

Hearts for Jesus 2018 was a success, supporting Lutheran Special Education Ministries with a total of over \$4700! If you still have a gift for the 2018 Hearts for Jesus fund, please send your donations to the district office with HFJ on the memo line. Forms to recommend a potential February 2019 Hearts for Jesus recipient are available and posted on the [NWD homepage](#). Applications are due August 1, 2018 and must include a plan for how the ministry will promote their ministry focus. Your support of HFJ has raised over \$185,000 since 2004, supporting fifteen different local, national and international ministries!

Lutheran Heritage Foundation

The Lutheran Heritage Foundation provides free resources for sharing the Gospel with people who don't speak English as a first language. LHF has translated and published hundreds of books like Luther's Small Catechism, children's Bible storybooks, devotions and the like into more than 100 languages, which are available at no cost to churches, missionaries and individuals wanting to share the Good News with immigrants or on short-term mission trips. To see what books LHF has published in a particular language, go to www.LHFmissions.org or call (800)554-0723.



LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission (RSTM) National Conference

Registration is now open for the 2018 LCMS RSTM National Conference, to be held Nov. 8-10 in Kansas City, Mo., at the Hilton Kansas City Airport. Under the theme "Have No Fear," the conference will address the blessings and challenges facing contemporary rural and small-town congregations. The theme verse for the conference is Matt. 19:26: "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." The RSTM conference is open to anyone who serves, resides or has an interest in rural or small-town areas, with topics and resources specifically suited to the rural and small-town mission field. Congregations will be encouraged to become healthy churches, eager to bear witness for Christ, show mercy to those in need and develop a robust life together with fellow members. For all the details visit lcms.org/rstm or contact RSTM Coordinator Amy Gerds at 888-463-5127.

LCMS News

Did you know the **LCMS Reporter** is the official newspaper of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod? -[Check it out on-line](#). The **Lutheran Witness** magazine interprets the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. -[Read More](#). You may also access the Lutheran Witness supplement, District News—North Wisconsin, from our [NWD Publications page](#) along with the NWD newsletters.



District Resources

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Counselor Corner

A BALANCE OF "MORE"

Ministry is demanding...at times daunting. This work is filled with expectations.

One of the common demands of ministry is for "more." This comes in various forms—

More effort...
More ministry...
More numbers...
More time... etc.

Added to this, in the midst of church decline, can be the expectation to "do "more" with less!" Balance can be quickly lost as life gets out of sync! Ministry can become a preoccupation, rather than an occupation...and the later, a hazard!

The apostle Paul faced similar challenges. To appreciate his stressors one can find his expose' in 2 Corinthians 11, verses 23-28. He also had concern for "all the churches" (vs.28b).

But we also find Paul sharing these words of hope for those in ministry—

"Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

In his letter to the Romans Paul's focus is on two elements that every pastor needs—"endurance and encouragement"—that comes from God (15:5a). Before those words Paul speaks of these qualities coming through "Scripture" (vs.4) (also from God).

This seasoned apostle also offered this support to his young protégé—

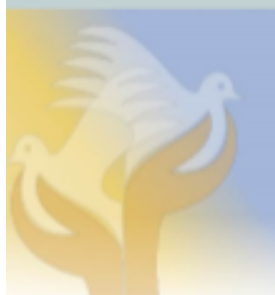
"Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 2:3)

In ministry it can be all too easy to focus on the burdens, rather than the blessings. Satan enjoys this opening to further deflate the energy and motivation of those in ministry.

What every pastor needs are "more" Christ-centered encouragers...and fewer "editor" (who see their role as qualified critics). "More" "E" & "E" is good medicine.

For additional support check out the "wholeness" section of the District website. I am also available for confidential guidance and encouragement.

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District Resources

NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD



REVIEW

Martin Luther's Small Catechism - when was the last time you looked through your catechism? One year? Ten years? Forty years?

A review at any time is a good thing and more times the better. It helps us to keep refreshed in our beliefs and ideals. This will be a monthly addition to the Newsletter. We hope that you will review and enjoy, and maybe learn something that was forgotten.

2. The Blessings of Baptism

Second

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned" [Mark 16:16].

What great and precious things are given in Baptism?

Baptism

A. works forgiveness of sins;

Acts 2:38 Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.

Acts 22:16 Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away.

B. rescues from death and the devil;

Rom. 6:3, 5 Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ... If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.

Gal. 3:27 All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Col. 1:13-14 He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(Compare Col. 2:11-12.)

gives eternal salvation.

Mark 16:16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.

1 Peter 3:21 This water [of Noah's flood] symbolizes baptism that now saves you also. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Titus 3:5 He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

If Christ has already won forgiveness and salvation for us and gives us all this by grace alone, why do we still need Baptism?

Christ has indeed won full forgiveness and salvation for the whole human race with His perfect life, suffering, death, and resurrection. He distributes this same forgiveness in Baptism. (Baptism is a means of grace.)

1 Cor. 6:11 You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Titus 3:5-7 He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.



To whom does Baptism give all these blessings?

Baptism gives these blessings to all who believe God's saving promises.

Mark 16:16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Is it possible for an unbaptized person to be saved?

It is only unbelief that condemns. Faith cannot exist in the heart of a person who despises and rejects Baptism against better knowledge. But those who believe the Gospel, yet die before they have opportunity to be baptized are not condemned.

Mark 16:16 Whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Bible narratives: The Pharisees and experts in the Law in unbelief rejected John's baptism (Luke 7:30). The thief on the cross was saved without Baptism (Luke 23:39-43).

Why are we not to seek a "baptism with the Holy Spirit" in addition to the Sacrament of Holy Baptism?

Beyond sacramental Baptism we are to seek no other "baptism" because

A. there is no other God-given Baptism today beside the Sacrament of Holy Baptism;

Eph. 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Note: The "instruction about baptisms" (Heb. 6:2) does not mean that there are several Christian baptisms, but that the one true Baptism must be clearly distinguished from the many religious washings which were common in the ancient world (see Mark 7:4).

B. the sacrament is not a water-only or a Spirit-only baptism, but a water-and- Spirit Baptism

John 3:5 No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

Titus 3:5 He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Note: Matt. 3:11 speaks of baptizing "with water" and "with the Holy Spirit and with fire." The difference here is not between sacramental Baptism and some sort of "Spirit baptism," but between the preparatory mission and baptism of John the Baptist and the full, permanent mission and Baptism of Jesus Christ. While John's baptism also gave the forgiveness of sins, it was different in that it pointed forward to the redemptive work of the Savior.

C. the special signs granted by the Holy Spirit were not another "baptism," but they proved the truth and power of the apostles' preaching.

Acts 19:6 When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

LADIES OF ZION

LWML will be resuming its meeting schedule (4 meetings a year) on August 20th at 6:00 PM. We're always looking for new faces with great new ideas for furthering missions here at Zion, in Ashland and out in the world. Come join us!

*Think Inside
the Box*



If you are unable to attend the meetings, remember you can help by picking up a Mite Box from the table in the narthex on the first Sunday and Wednesday of the month. Fill with your donations and place them into the large box on the table. These monies are sent to District for mission projects all over the world.



What Was That Number?

This following from the New York Press Association shows what can happen when a paper tries to set something straight.

Monday: FOR SALE: R. D. James has a sewing machine for sale. Phone 555-0707 after 7 p.m. and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him cheap.

Tuesday: We regret having erred in R. D. Jones' ad yesterday. It should have read: One sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 555-0707 and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him after 7 p.m.

Wednesday: R. D. Jones has informed us that he has received several annoying telephone calls because of the error we made in his classified ad yesterday. His ad should read as follows: SALE: R. D. Jones has a sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 555-0707. Ask for Mrs. Kelly who loves him after 7 p.m.

Thursday: NOTICE: I. R. R. Jones, have no sewing machine for sale. Don't call 555-0707. The telephone has been taken out. I have not been carrying on with Mrs. Kelly. Until yesterday, she was my housekeeper. She quit.



LABOR DAY RETREAT AT CAMP LUTHER August 31-September 3, 2018

Relax and let Camp Luther plan your next holiday weekend. Enjoy a flexible and relaxing schedule with your family and other families. Activities include pontoon rides, kayaking, trail biking, swimming, volleyball, disc golf, Bible study, campfire devotions and much more. Start a new family tradition this year!

WOMEN'S RETREAT September 21-23, 2018

This weekend is all about relaxing and refueling with God's Word. Leave the pressures of work, home, and life behind and join others for a refreshing and renewing weekend. The schedule is designed to draw you closer to God and to each other through a variety of individual, large group and small group activities. Activities include Bible Study, Devotions, crafts, walk/bike/canoe in the beautiful fall weather. Donna Pyle will be our devotion leader for the weekend.

"CREATE YOUR OWN RETREAT" AT CAMP LUTHER Looking for a place to host your next event? Camp Luther is your destination for year-round retreats, conferences, and gatherings. In the midst of God's beautiful creation, your group will be treated to comfortable accommodations, wonderful meals and a helpful staff. Join us soon and you'll come to know why thousands of people return to Camp Luther year after year. Visit our website at www.campluther.com/adultfamily/other/create-your-own-retreat for more information.

FALL WORKBEE AT CAMP LUTHER October 19-21, 2018 Bless Camp Luther by helping us get Camp ready for the winter by participating in our fall Workbee. The weekend is FREE and camp provides all meals, as well as time for fellowship and devotions. Projects vary, but there is something for everyone. One-day participants are welcome also.

Visit www.campluther.com for more information on these and all other programs.

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Our Servers for our Worship Service are very important. We ask that if you are unable to serve on your designated date, please find someone else to take your place. We really appreciate your help in this matter!! If you would like to be added or taken off one of our lists please contact the office. Greeters and Ushers should arrive 20 minutes before services start. Thank-you to

ELDERS' SCHEDULE

July 29 Andy Pruss
Darryl Warren

Aug. 1 Randy Spangle

Aug. 5 Darryl Warren
John Pruss

Aug. 8 Darryl Warren

Aug. 12 Doug Warren
Andy Pruss

Aug 15 John Pruss

Aug. 19 Scott Thimm
Doug Warren

Aug. 22 Randy Spangle

Aug. 26 Scott Thimm
John Pruss

Aug. 29 Scott Thimm

Sept. 2 Andy Pruss
Doug Warren

Sept. 5 Randy Spangle

USHERS' SCHEDULE GREETERS' SCHEDULE

July 29 Cody Sunie

July 29 Scott & Tami Thimm

Aug. 5 Jim Johnson
Aug. 12 Brian Klobucher
Aug. 19 Scott Sapper
Aug. 26 Todd Vyskocil

Aug. 5 Don & Laurie Moreland
Aug. 12 Ron & Brenda Schwiesow
Aug. 19 Wickman Family
Aug. 26 June Williams

Sept. 2 Ron Schwiesow

Sept. 2 Lipske Family

August
Kim Westman 682-6571
Lynn Ladd 292-0592
Katie Colgrove 209-2512



Sunday School Teachers Mtg. - VITAL
Thursday, August 23rd - 5:30pm
We encourage those who taught last year and those interested in teaching this year to attend. Pastor will be leading the discussion for the 2018-19 Sunday School year.

SECRET PAL REVEAL NIGHT
Tuesday, August 21st
5:30pm
Hugo's Pizza
Please RSVP to the office by Monday, Aug. 20th (yes or no). Anyone wanting to join in for this coming year are welcome to attend too.



Wednesday
August 29th 5:00pm
7th grade Confirmation parents' and students' meeting. Very important!. Please inform Pastor if you will not be able to attend.

Mowing Schedule

The sign-up sheet is on the table next to the office door. Sign-up for one or more times. Make it a family project!





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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 Worship 6:30pm	2	3	4
5 Mite Sunday Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am	6 Evangelism Mtg. 5:30pm VBS - Camp Luther Counselors	7	8 Worship with VBS 6:30pm 8:30am—3pm	9	10 Pastor out of office	11
12 Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am	13	14 LFOJ Board Mtg. 5:30pm	15 Worship 6:30pm	16 Pastor out of office	17 <i>Newsletter Reports Due</i>	18
19 Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am Trustees' Mtg. 10:15am	20 LWML 6:00pm	21 Secret Pal Re- veal Night Hugo's Pizza 5:30pm	22 Worship 6:30pm	23 S.S. Tchrs. Mtg. 5:30pm	24	25
26 Food Shelf Sunday Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am	27	28	29 7th gr. Confir- mation parent and students mtg. 5:00pm Worship 6:30pm	30	31	