

# The Monthly Herald April 2019

## From Your Pastor

Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School,



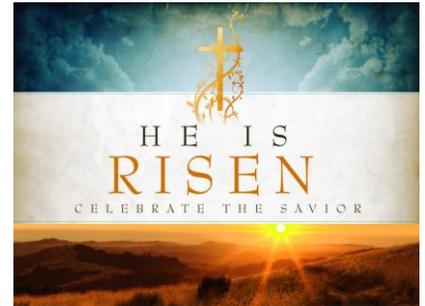
I pray that all of you are healthy and are enjoying the shared life that we have in our Savior, Jesus Christ. I also hope that all of you who traveled over spring break had safety on the roads or up in the air. If you were able to relax and enjoy time with family and friends, I hope it was time that was well spent. For me, this time of year brings a great amount of anticipation for a few reasons. First, I am a big basketball fan and enjoy some of the greatest teams playing on television during March Madness and the NBA playoffs. Secondly, now that we are officially in Daylight Savings time we now have more sunlight, which means warmer weather coming soon along with summer. But most especially, this time of year anticipates the most awesome and wonderful act done in history: the death *and* resurrection of Jesus. The psalmist writes,

*“Shout for joy to God, all the earth;*

*Sing the glory of his name;*

*Give to him glorious praise!*

*Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!”* Psalm 66:1-3



The psalmist writes of God's awesome works in creation, and we witness these amazing things too. We, like the psalmist, rejoice that we have been saved by God's grace. He has made us, who were born separated from God and has brought us into His family which transcends skin color, time, race, and age.

I hope that as we enter into spring, you have many reasons to give praises to God and sing about His love for you. I hope you will join us for our weekly worship, but especially on Easter morning. Join the St. Paul family on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> as we praise our God for his victory over the grave! You are always invited to worship with us!

Your Fellow Servant,

Pastor Noah Kegley

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# The Gatherings and Feasts of Israel

A Lenten Series by Pastors Bender and Kegley

Gatherings and feasts, they are wonderful things! A birthday celebration at a restaurant, family dinners for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and Easter dinners in the joy of new and eternal life given us in Christ, these are all wonderful things. Our God is the giver of every good gift and our relationship with Him, by design, has centered around gatherings and feasts.

There were many gatherings and feasts in ancient Israel that were called and instituted by God Himself. Many of the gatherings called Israel to remember their holy history. Most of them point forward to truths about Christ. During our Lenten journey this year we will learn of these gatherings and feasts. Our hearts will be blessed to know the “rest” God provides in the grace of Jesus Christ. Faith will be strengthened as we see fulfillment of these gatherings and feasts in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. The schedule for our midweek Wednesday services is as follows:

April 3 – Midweek Lent IV: Rosh Hashanah – The Feast of Trumpets

April 10 – Midweek Lent V: Christ IS the Passover: Steve Cohen – Apple of His Eye

Services are held at 10am and 6pm each Wednesday. The evening service is preceded by a congregational dinner gathering beginning at 4:45pm where we will feast upon delicious food provided by our God and prepared by His servants, Shelly Mueller and company. Please come and join us each Wednesday in Lent!!

## Lenten Dinners

**Served each Wednesday in Lent at 4:45pm in our Fellowship Hall**

**April 3:** Baked Potato Bar with toppings (bacon, cheese, broccoli, chili etc), tossed salad, fruit cups, chocolate cake

**April 10:** Mostaccioli, green beans, fruit cups, cherry cheesecake fluff



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## Holy Week Worship



**Holy Week**

Palm Sunday – April 13 at 5:00pm April 14 at 8:00 & 10:30am

Maundy Thursday – April 18 at 10:00am & 6:00pm

Good Friday – April 19 at 1:00 & 6:00pm

Easter Vigil – April 20 at 5:00pm

Easter Celebration – April 21 at 7:00. 9:00 & 11:00am

# Bible Classes

## Men's Bible Breakfast

During the month of April we will be finishing up the Book of Exodus study and beginning a new three week study on how we live as Christians in the workplace and in other roles. Bible breakfast meets on two Saturdays each month. We gather a little before 7am. It is a blessed time of fellowship, prayer, and both physical and spiritual food. For the month of April, these are the dates we meet:

April 13 - Finishing Up the Study on Exodus

April 27 - Working for the Man Upstairs

All men are welcome. If you are already coming, invite someone to join you! God's blessings are guaranteed!!!

## Adult Bible Class: Go and Be Reconciled!

Reconciliation is the heart of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Christ laid down His holy life so that we could be reconciled to God . . . but sometimes we drift from Him through an unwillingness to acknowledge the sinful things in our lives. Sometimes, because hurt runs deep, we are also in conflict with others. The Good News of Jesus Christ is that we can be reconciled to God and to others through confession, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

Go and Be Reconciled is a Bible study designed to equip us to work through conflicts and stresses in a Christian manner. During the month of April we will be looking at the glory of receiving God's forgiveness and then move into the study on learning to share that forgiveness with others. Every child of God could benefit from this study! More study books are available if you want to meet us mid-stream!!

If you want to grow as a Christian and live in peace with others, just come on down to the fellowship hall and join us at 9:15am on Sunday mornings. Coffee helps wake you up and some sort of baked goods are a blessing as well.

## Monday Morning Bible Study - Monday's at 11:30am in the Library

We are studying the Book of Genesis. Please join us! Leader: Laurel Privatt

## Thursday Morning Bible Study - Thursdays at 10am in the Fellowship Hall

Continue learning alongside Pastor Noah in Thursday morning bible class on a study entitled, "God's Missionary Kingdom" from 10:00am-11:30am. If you have ever wondered what the biblical basis for mission is, this study is for you! We hope to see you there!



## Save the Date! Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible school will be held **June 17<sup>th</sup>-June 21<sup>st</sup> 2019 from 9am-Noon**. Our theme this year is ROAR! Life is wild! God is good!

Students entering 3k-5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend. Students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade- 8<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to volunteer to help with VBS. If any families would be willing to help out please let us know. For additional questions contact Natalie Romano. Nmiller0103@hotmail.com. Registration forms will be available soon!

**Join us for a rompn' stompn' ROAR of a good time!**



**We now offer non-alcoholic wine during Holy Communion for those who desire it. The center cup of the individual cup trays will be non-alcoholic.**

## St. Paul's Family Album

### RECEIVED BY TRANSFER

Patrick & Nicole Lemberger  
Confirmed children Marcus & Piper and baptized son Griffin  
6646 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Street Milwaukee, WI

### DEATHS

Clifford Wayne Gundersen 3/11/2019  
Darlene June Folger 3/15/2019  
Christopher Richard Kadis 3/18/2019

### REMOVED NFA (No Forwarding Address)

Deborah Condon

### REMOVED OUT OF TOWN

Matthew Neary, Walker Town, NC

### REMOVED BY TRANSFER

Benjamin Cody  
To: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church – Milwaukee, WI  
Patrick Bender & Kellie Jo Bender  
To: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church – Centennial, CO

### REMOVED BY SELF-EXCULSION

Krista Holland  
Kari Jefferies & baptized daughter Alicia



## Thank You

**to everyone who contributed to the Dinner and Auction on March 30<sup>th</sup>! You are all a blessing to our high school ministry!**



### EASTER

WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY!  
A DAY OF SADNESS, TO GREAT JOY.  
FOR BEHOLD—OUR SAVIOR LIVES.  
AS THE ANGEL DECLARED,  
HE IS NOT HERE, HE HAS RISEN.  
HE HAS RISEN INDEED—ALLELUIA !

Elaine Lemke

**Widows Lunch** ~ The next Widows Lunch will be on Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> after our morning Lenten service. Join us at Peachtree Restaurant in New Berlin. (National Ave & Moorland Rd)

**Elizabeth Ministry** ~ We have a facebook page for Elizabeth Ministry for our church! It



is – St. Paul's Lutheran Church (@elizabethministrysplcwa). Please remember Elizabeth Ministries in your prayers and if you wish to join this group, please contact Julie Avila at elizabethministrysplcwa@gmail.com.

## **Quilter's Patch**

Lynn Kozlowski and I had a wonderful adventure on March 1<sup>st</sup>. We went up to Jackson, Wisconsin to help a lady, named Nancy, clear her mother's fabric treasures. Nancy's mother was recently moved to a nursing home and she wanted the fabric to go to good causes. When we left, the back of Lynn's car was full of cotton and flannel. The fabric is now stacked in the quilter's closet waiting to be cut into squares. The flannel was given to Ladies Guild for baby blankets and diapers.

Status of Thrivent Funds - Happy to report I found a vendor in Tennessee that sells the batting we use for \$100 a roll. I was able to use the Thrivent funds and purchased two rolls. The remaining funds were used to purchase requested solid fabric.

Quilting dates in April and May are April 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

If you have any questions regarding the quilting group, please contact Dawn Ziolecki at 414-841-6097 or via email at dzwolf2012@gmail.com

## **Ladies Book Club**

April book - "Redeeming Love" by Francine Rivers. Meeting date: April 8 at 6:30pm at the Early Childhood Center

**Ladies Guild** ~ Thank you to all who donated baby clothes and warm accessories. The contents of the Mitten Barrel were delivered to the Hope Food Pantry. We made 47 baby kits which will be distributed by Lutheran World Relief. We will be collecting baby clothes as an on-going project. LWML is the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and all women of our church are automatically members.

### **LWML Mite Box Collection ~ April 6 & 7, 2019**

LWML Mite Boxes are located in the narthex. You may put your change into them or even paper money (bills). The money collected will be used to support our LWML mission projects throughout the world. All members are welcome to use one and support our mission grants!

# GERMAN GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

*Deutscher Karfreitagsgottesdienst*



Friday April 19, 4:30 pm

*Benediction Lutheran Church*

8475 W. Fond du Lac Ave. Milwaukee WI  
(1 Block North of Silver Spring)

Call 414-463-9158 for more information

or for the 2019 monthly German Service Schedule

Pastors Don Hougard, Edmund Schafer, Roland Meile, and David Flegel

You can hear our German Radio pro-----

*Evangelische Andacht*

every Saturday at 4:30 pm on WJYI 1

or on the Tune-in Radio app

[www.evangelischeandacht.or](http://www.evangelischeandacht.or)



## St. Paul's Trivia

How many souls have been received  
by Holy Baptism at  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
in West Allis, since this church began  
in 1926?

The answer will be published in the  
May Herald.

### Groundwork Guatemala Fundraiser

April 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00pm

at **Big Deal Burgers**

1440 S. 84<sup>th</sup> Street – West Allis

No flyer is needed. Just mention the  
fundraiser when placing your order.  
More information has been placed in  
your church mailbox.



# Music Notes

**Come learn about our United States of America with grades 1-8 on Friday April 26th**

Families and friends will be able to travel to different parts of the USA all right here in West Allis! St. Paul's Fine Arts night will share with family and friends exciting things about our United States!

**Doors will open at 5:30 to tour the USA throughout our classrooms.** Families and friends are encouraged to come and take part in our scavenger hunt to find various art exhibits, artists, tour different regions of the USA and try out foods from the various areas. Classrooms will be open and sharing exhibits from 5:30-6:40 PM. All finished scavenger hunt cards will be collected prior to the concert with special drawings to be held during the concert.

**Concert begins at 7:00 PM in the St. Paul's gymnasium.**  
**Seating will be reserved by e-mail beginning April 5th. ALL seating will be reserved.**  
**Please send your request for seating (Your name, number of seats needed) to:**

[fine.arts@splcwa.org](mailto:fine.arts@splcwa.org)

Seating will be assigned by e-mail receipt BEGINNING April 5, 2019. *(Please include any special needs in your e-mail message)*

Families will receive a receipt with your assigned seating by April 23rd. Please send your seating requests before April 22. Thank you!

## CALLING ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS

We are looking for instrumentalists to share their talents this Easter, Sunday April 21st. Any instrument is welcome. Contact Michelle Prince by April 7th if you are able to play for one, two or more services on Easter Sunday. (Worship services are at 7 AM, 9 AM & 11 AM). Michelle will get you music and information about a practice date.

[michelle@splcwa.org](mailto:michelle@splcwa.org) ; 414-541-6251 ext. 3013; text: 414-552-4938



## April Hymn of the Month "Praise Be to Christ" #538

This hymn is a reminder of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and all the blessings He has given to us through His birth, death & resurrection. The words may be new, but the tune will be familiar. Enjoy learning this hymn throughout the month!



## Camp LuWiSoMo Spring Work Weekend

**April 26-28, 2019**

*Work Weekends are important for LuWiSoMo and many volunteers are needed to help with all the projects. Visit [www.luwisomo.org](http://www.luwisomo.org) for information on how you can help!*

*W5421 Aspen Road Wild Rose, WI 54984*

# Youth News

## Middle School Youth Group News

Thanks to everyone who came out for an afternoon of bowling and fellowship in March.  
Thanks to our youth and parents for serving at the Lenten dinners!

**Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>:** Jr. High Youth serves Lenten Dinner. Please arrive by 4:30. RSVP to Shelly Mueller (262.613.3657) or Pastor Noah [noah@splcwa.org](mailto:noah@splcwa.org)

## High School Youth News

**Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>:** *Lightspeed Entertainment* (laser tag/go-karts) Bring \$20 AND fun at the Rudig's house after!



Meet at  
St. Paul's  
at 3:30pm

**April 20<sup>th</sup>:** Service Project-more details to follow

## SWD Financial Aid Available

Are you studying to be a full-time church worker, attending one of the Concordia Universities or Seminaries and are a member of a SWD LCMS congregation? If so, you may apply for district Financial Aid. Applications are due May 15. Please visit the District website for more information and for the two required application forms – <http://swd.lcms.org/resources/student-aid-applications/>. Questions? Contact Robin at the District office at 414-292-0741.

# Divine Connections

From Divine Connections team member Jen White - *“On March 4th, eight SPWA members volunteered at St. Ben's in Milwaukee to help serve a community meal. That night, we were able to assist with serving 215 individuals in need. This meal program has been in existence for over forty years and runs on donations and volunteers. We are all God's people and it was a blessing to be able to serve our fellow brothers and sisters in need. We hope to do it again in the future.”*

**Clothing Drive** drop off will be April 13 from 9:00-11:00 at the ECC. We will again be sorting so come on in and help sort.

Additional drop off times will be April 27/28, May 4/5, May 11/12 after 5:00 & 10:30 services. We are again looking for help with set up and sorting May 17 and assisting guests at the Clothing Giveaway on May 18.

Sign up times will be in the Narthex.

**Summer Kick Off Celebration** is set for June 9 from 11:00 to 1:00 at McCarty Park picnic areas 2 and 3. Music, children’s games and of course food will be part of the celebration. Invite a friend or 2 for this fun event. Volunteers needed for set up, cooking and organizing activities for the children. Please contact Crystal Barry, 414-423-0244 if you are interested.



<p>Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee <b>38<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Auction</b> Benefitting our kids at Milwaukee Lutheran, Martin Luther and Lake Country High Schools</p> <p><b>April 12, 2019</b> <b>at The Pfister Hotel</b> <b>5:30pm</b></p> <p>You can register or donate by going to this website: <a href="http://lhsagm.ejoinme.org/countingonyou">lhsagm.ejoinme.org/countingonyou</a></p>	<p><b>Servants of Christ Conference</b> <b>July 28-29, 2019</b> At Concordia University Wisconsin for students in grades 9-12</p> <p>This conference will ground youth in the grace of their baptism, teach them about the doctrine of vocation, give them information about college and careers, and allow them to take part in breakaway sessions led by CUW professors and other guest speakers.</p> <p>Cost: \$25, covers lodging and three meals. For more information and examples from this event last year visit: <a href="http://www.cuw.edu/ServantsofChristConference">www.cuw.edu/ServantsofChristConference</a></p>
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# Sharing God's Bounty

## **The End of the Story?**

The six-week season of Lent draws to a close. We have heard our Savior's prayer for himself, his disciples, and all of us (John 17). We have been distressed by the disciples' betrayal (Mark 14:50). We have been horrified by the treatment Jesus, an innocent man, received at the hands of his own people and the Roman governor and his soldiers. Our minds have heard the cries, "*Crucify him! Crucify him!*" (Luke 23:21). Up the hill to Calvary we have trudged with the King of Kings where he was placed on a cross like any criminal, where he spoke words of compassion for others and asked for forgiveness for his enemies, where he died for our sins. We have sat, dejected, like his followers of old – but not quite, for we have an advantage. We know how the story ends!

It ends with Easter! Yet it is not an ending but a beginning! We race to the tomb with Peter and John (John 20:3-9) and rejoice that "*He is not here; He has risen!*" (Luke 24:6). Like the women who were the first to learn of this most miraculous, most marvelous, most salutary event, we run to tell others. We want to share this Good News. We know it's hard to believe. Like Paul says, "*Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us*" (Romans 5:7-8). And lives for us! "*Do you believe this?*" Jesus asked Martha, and with her we confidently answer, "*I believe that [he] is the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world*" (John 11:24-27).

*"Death has been swallowed up in victory. Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain"* (1 Corinthians 15:54, 57-58).

*The attitude of Christian Stewardship recognizes that one's own special talents were given by God. These skills could have been given to someone also. But they were given to you to use for God's purpose. The same attitude of stewardship recognizes time as a loan made by God to his children. Manage time well.*

***Renewed in Christ Hope • Strength • Soar***



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St. Paul's Young Adults  
Join us Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

# STIR CRAZY

15795 W. Bluemound Road  
Brookfield, WI



## Journey With Jesus



### "One Way"

*Jesus says: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5*

On our **Life Journey**, the **One Way** sign is an obvious directional sign, meant to expedite traffic by moving everyone in a single direction. Accidentally disobeying the **One Way** sign can lead to a legal consequences and possible injury to yourself or others.

On our **Faith Journey**, **One Way** means following the true and right teaching and commands of Jesus Christ. This **One Way** road will lead us to the Cross and the Empty Tomb and the promise of Eternal Life. But often our disordered priorities can take us the wrong direction on our **Faith Journey**. Those consequences could possibly leave us losing out on His blessings.

**STOP:** Read the following: Luke: 6:46-49: Luke 10:25-37, Luke 12:13-21

Mark 1:16-20: John 14:5-14: John 8:31-32:

Consider the examples of difficult priorities and also the rewards of prioritizing a **Journey with Jesus**.

**SLOW:** Where is Jesus on your list of priorities when it comes to family, work, recreation, money, worship, etc.? Think of one thing you can do to better follow and serve Jesus, e.g. devotional time, volunteer work, sing in the church choir, etc. and **DO IT!**

**GO:** Not only can you lose out on Jesus blessings, what about those around us? By not sharing Jesus with others, they too may be missing out on His blessings. Think of a specific time/event/way that you have been touched by the love of Christ and share this with family, friend, or co-worker, particularly one who is not close to Jesus. Invite them along on this **Journey with Jesus**.

*"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6*

## Groundwork Guatemala News



**NEWS FLASH!** Your Groundwork Guatemala team is coming out of hibernation. Our next trip departs February 29 (LeapDay), 2020. Consider joining us for a fantastic faith and mission experience. Watch for an informational meeting in May.

**MEET A MISSIONARY:** This month, Darla Leitermann will introduce you to Aracely, another of the local missionaries we work with in Guatemala.

Aracely works with the 500+ children who receive school sponsorship through Groundwork. She keeps track of their grades and pays tuition to nearly 50 different schools. She is 28 years old.

Aracely lives in the town of El Milagro, part of Guatemala City. It is about 45 minutes from the mission house, and she usually arrives about 1-2 hours before “starting time” to avoid traffic. Whenever possible, her husband brings her to work by car or motorcycle. There is a bus route, but riding the bus has become dangerous, and the buses frequently go on strike.

There are 13 people living close together in Aracely’s extended family: Mama, Papa (who works out of town during the week), 5 siblings, a niece, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, her husband and young son Emanuel. In her spare time, she spends time with her family, and enjoys listening to classical music. She likes to run and exercise. Outside of her family, Aracely really doesn’t have many friends, as she feels she is too busy.

How did Aracely come to know Jesus? She started going to church alone when she was 10 years old, because her parents did not want to go. Her oldest brother had died, and they were too sad. She went to church to pray for her family. She was 18 before her parents met God, and now everyone goes to church together.

How did Aracely come to be a missionary at Groundwork Guatemala? She didn’t want to be a missionary. She wanted to be a teacher. She graduated and worked for a private school, but she needed more money and sold Tupperware for a year. When her husband lost his job, her sister Sandra (who is a missionary at Groundwork) suggested she go to the mission and talk to Kevin. She “worked for Jesus” for two months without pay, and then Kevin asked her to join the mission.

Aracely’s favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 138:8: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands.



**Lutheran Night with the Milwaukee Admirals**  
Panther Arena - 400 W Kilbourn Ave. - Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203

Milwaukee Admirals vs. Iowa Wild  
**Saturday, April 6 at 6:00 PM**  
**Tickets: \$19**



Join the Admirals & fellow Lutherans for an evening of fellowship, fun and hockey! PLUS, each Lutheran Night ticket comes with an exclusive Admirals Hockey Puck Keychain.

The District is not placing a group order. **Families can order tickets on their own.** To order tickets, please contact Kevin Karlson, 414-227-0564. Let him know you are with Lutheran Night/South Wisconsin District.

# MISSION and MERCY EXCURSION

May 6-9, 2019



**T**he South Wisconsin District Office of Mission and Human Care and VBS Express Ministries/SonShine Travelers are hosting a 4 day Mission and Mercy Excursion to **LCMS Mission Central in Mapleton, IA** and **Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk, NE**. We will tour both locations learning about the work of our LCMS International missionaries (Mission Central) and the mercy and disaster response efforts around the world (Orphan Grain Train). In our travels you will be introduced to leaders and volunteers, experience firsthand the immense amount of global work being done to share Jesus Christ, and participate in servant projects.

➤ **“Mission Central”** is the largest mission supporting agency as a part of LCMS World Mission global Gospel outreach as a conduit for helping to raise millions of dollars every year to support deployed missionaries. Since 2003, Mission Central has hosted thousands of LCMS missionaries and their families while tens of thousands of people from hundreds of congregations visit to tour, pray for and support missionaries all over the world. Visit [www.missioncentral.us](http://www.missioncentral.us) for more information.

➤ **“Orphan Grain Train”** is a Registered Service Organization of the LCMS that shares personal and material resources with needy people here and around the world. Orphan Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. Visit [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org) for more information.

Registration information is available at [swd.lcms.org](http://swd.lcms.org). You can register online or download the registration form and mail the form to: **SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT**  
8100 W Capitol Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53222

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 7, 2019**  
**NON-REFUNDABLE after April 7, 2019**



Sponsored by: SWD Office of Mission and Human Care

### The Journey Includes:

- ◆ Round trip Motor Coach transportation from Beaver Dam, WI
- ◆ A day at Mission Central, Mapleton, IA
- ◆ A day at Orphan Grain Train, Norfolk, NE
- ◆ 2 nights lodging at Norfolk Lodge & Suites
- ◆ 1 night lodging at Sleep Inn, Fort Dodge, IA
- ◆ Lunch - Monday and Thursday
- ◆ Dinner - Tuesday Evening

### Trip Costs:

- ◆ Single: \$460/per person
- ◆ Double: \$305/per person
- ◆ Triple: \$255/per person
- ◆ Quad: \$225/per person

### For more information contact:

**Rev. Bruce Meier**  
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[sonshinetravelersexec@gmail.com](mailto:sonshinetravelersexec@gmail.com)

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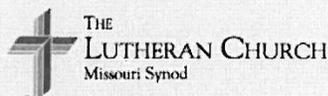


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## GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS

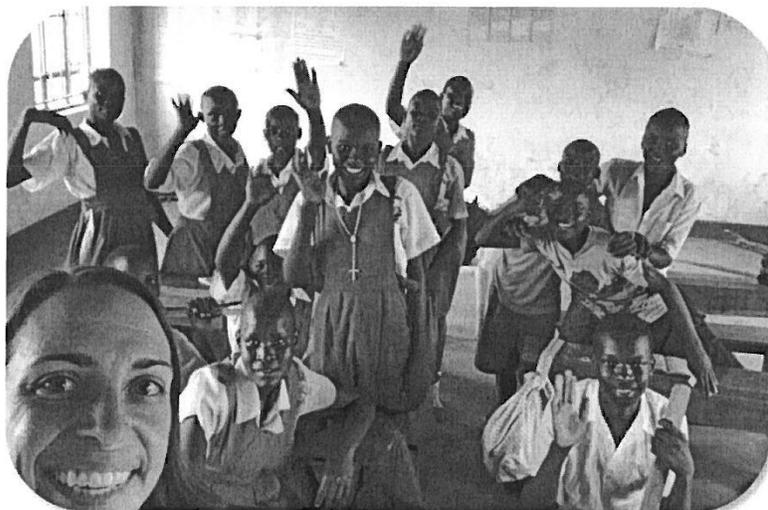
Thank you all for your emails, cards, notes of encouragement, and especially for your prayers. I am continually humbled and blessed by the way God shows His love through you, the body of Christ. Many of you have told me you have been specifically praying for my health lately. My health is generally improving, and I know God is hearing the prayers of His children. Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support as I serve the Lord here in Uganda.



To be added to or removed from this mailing list, send an email message to [Rachel.Meyer@lcms.org](mailto:Rachel.Meyer@lcms.org) with the word ADD or REMOVE in the subject line.

*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.  
Matthew 24:35*

## A New School Year: Changes and Constants



*Enjoying time with some of the P6 students during the first week of school.*

“What a friend we have in Jesus...” the P6 students sing within their classroom. As I listen to them from where I stand on the other side of the school compound, I smile to hear them beginning this new school year voluntarily recalling this hymn we learned last school year.

Our new school year at Hope Lutheran Church and School in Bufuula began on February 4. This new year has begun with many changes, including many new teachers and administration. Everyone at school is working hard to be able to provide the best possible education for the students.

While I am just starting to get to know the new faculty and staff, I am enjoying seeing the familiar faces of the returning students from last year. As I am teaching the same classes as last year (Christian Religious

Education for P5, P6, and P7), it is easier for me to prepare my lessons because I have an idea of what these students learned last year.

It also means the students and I already have a relationship established. The first days back at school, the young students came looking for me during break times, knowing they could ask me to read them a Bible story. The older students beckoned me into their classroom, requesting me to teach them a new hymn.

Amidst the changes in life, I am so thankful that I can help share the good news of the unchanging love of God with these students. Please pray for them, that as we study God’s Word together this year, they may know the certainty of God’s promises and the comfort we have in the sure Word of God.

# Praise the Lord with Song

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

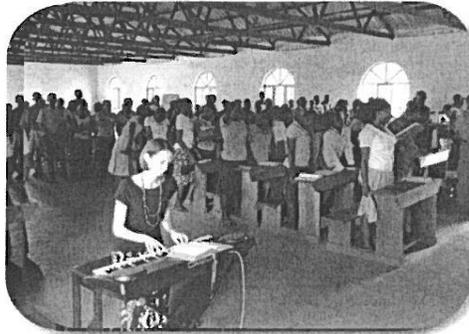
- The Lord to bring more people in Uganda and around the world to saving faith in Christ
- Wisdom for those in leadership positions in the church and school
- The students and teachers as we begin this new school year
- Health and safety
- Continued progress in Lusoga language study and use

## GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The gift of God's enduring Word, certain promises, and constant love
- The gift of music and hymns
- The many congregations, schools, and individuals who pray for me, encourage me, and support me

## YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS.

- I regularly pray for the individuals and congregations who support me by name. Please share any specific prayers I can bring before the Lord for you.



Sunday worship at Nakabango Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church of Uganda has a great love for music. Several people in the church have told me that they were initially drawn to the Lutheran church because they loved the hymns. In most congregations, the music is sung a cappella, and many people can sing all of the stanzas of their favorite hymns from memory.

The church body has expressed a desire to expand the repertoire of hymns used in the congregations. While many have access to hymnals, many of the hymns are unfamiliar to them. People most frequently learn to sing and play instruments by ear, but very few learn how to formally read musical notation. Consequently, it can be challenging to learn new hymns.

Recently the congregation in the village of Nakabango acquired a keyboard and generator for use in worship services. The congregation is very excited to have this instrument to support their singing in church. In addition, they are hoping to use it to help lead the congregation in learning new hymns.

The church body has asked me to play the keyboard for their Sunday morning English worship services at Nakabango. I am thankful to be able to use my musical training to serve the Lord and support the church in this way. It is now easier for the pastors to select hymns that coincide with the season and readings, without being limited to the hymns and tunes they already knew.

They have also asked me to play for weekly chapel at Nakabango Lutheran Secondary School. The goal is to help the youth learn the hymns so they will then be able to help lead the congregation in singing on Sundays, as well.

I thank God for the opportunities He is providing for His people to sing the truths of His Word through the rich texts of the hymns. Please pray for God to work mightily in the hearts of His children as they sing His praise.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.  
*Colossians 3:16*

Humbly in the Lord's service,  
-Rachel Meyer



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## April Birthdays

1	Natalie Surdyk	10	Nathaniel Gottschalk	17	Isaac Hurst	24	Cindy Nowak
	Steve Rolefson		Erica Moschetz		Dawn Gottschalk		Erin Carson
	Ashton Poritz-Funck		Ted Gottschalk		Lisa Sarff		Herb Hafemann
	Rebecca Wenszell		Vikki Bass		Danielle Moravec		Mary Miller
	Raegan Wardman	11	Lillian Albright		Keira Hutchins		Marga Kroening
2	Patrick Bender		Megan Malkowski		Carla Sity		Rebecca Gonzalez
	Jacqueline Saldana		Alex Igielski		Dawn M Dela Cotera	25	Carole Wirtala
3	Lois Vukosich		Ryan Nowak	18	Gloria Gammon		Dolores Treibel
	Tony Romano		Dean Weil		Dan Glubka		Thomas Brandt
	Norma Strand		John Miller		John Hoefert		Jo Shemanske
4	Robert Hartling III	12	Joe Ross		Jennifer Weil	26	James LaFond
	Mary Kochanski		Samantha Brandt		Lucille Maline		Matt Malkowski
	Gavin Burch		Ava Dembowiak		Bill Hemberger		Brady Cincotta
	AJ Bassler		Elisabeth Matusewic		Carter Hafemann		Matthew Radde
	Debra Kelly	13	Antonio Coronado	19	Kari Schmidbauer	27	Jennifer Ricard
	Jim Spitzer		Marla Heder		Barb Heimsoth		Peggy Cody
5	Emily Grayson		Jeffrey Reske		Gary Klugiewicz		Connor Boinski
	George Pups		Riley Gibbs	20	Matthew Meinzen		Lance Lemke
	Scott Mueller	14	Lidia Zielinski		Mackenzie Meinzen		Felicia Scheuer
6	Joe Strysick		Wayne Vukosich		Cross Foti		Micah Wroblewski
	Ashley Petersen		Landon Hackbarth		Roger Wiedmeyer		Richard Bobinger
	Vicki Natarelli		Michael Brofka		Sara Marks	28	Stacey Zacharias
	Sandy Geboy		Kathie Kadolph	21	Alexis Rivera-Cole		Aaron Brofka
	LeAnn Block-Rauter	15	Jill Kirchner		Anna Delikat		Craig Roeder
7	Jonathan Gimbel		Josh Frahm		Diego Brusky		Jean Garcia
	Rashad Robinson		Jim Dittman		Katelyn Wessler		Andrew Bolger
	Vicki Grams		Scott Weil	22	Norman Block		Troy Tatlock
	Randolph Fortkamp	16	Kim Wheeler		Deloris Luling		Jennifer Dachowski
8	Mark Moyle		Lauren Adams		Johanna Anderson	30	Stacey Kukor
	Shanna Bassler		Paul Shemanske		Deborah Condon		Janet Johnson
	Tamara Fabian-Jurkiewicz	17	Victoria Barber		Emma VanDyke		Robert Reuteler
	Kelli Knapp		Olivia Kukor	23	Tyler Kassa		



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## Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>1</i> 9:00 AM Quilters 11:30 AM Bible Class	<i>2</i> 10:00 AM Tai Chi 6:30 PM Board of Christian Education	<i>3</i> 10:00 AM Lent Worship 4:45 PM Lenten Dinner 6:00 PM Lent Worship 7:00 PM Public School Confirmation	<i>4</i> 9:00 AM Tai Chi 10:00 AM Bible Class 6:00 PM Bells 6:00 PM Finance 7:15 PM Choir	<i>5</i> 6:30 PM Rangerettes	<i>6</i> 9:00 AM Adult Instruction 5:00 PM Worship 7:00 PM Young Adults to Stir Crazy
<i>7</i> 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Bible Class and Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 3:30 PM Sr High Youth Laser Tag and Go-Karts	<i>8</i> 11:30 AM Bible Class 6:30 PM Book Club	<i>9</i> 10:00 AM Tai Chi 6:00 PM Council	<i>10</i> 10:00 AM Lent Worship 11:00 AM Widows Lunch 4:45 PM Lenten Dinner 6:00 PM Lent Worship 7:00 PM Public School Confirmation	<i>11</i> 9:00 AM Tai Chi 10:00 AM Bible Class 6:00 PM Bells 7:15 PM Choir	<i>12</i> 4:00 PM Big Deal Burger Fundraiser	<i>13</i> 7:00 AM Mens Breakfast 11:00 AM Clothing Collection 5:00 PM Worship
<i>14</i> 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Bible Class and Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship  <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>15</i> 9:00 AM Quilters 11:30 AM Bible Class	<i>16</i> 10:00 AM Tai Chi 6:30 PM Divine Connections	<i>17</i> 6:30 PM Public School Confirmation	<i>18</i> 9:00 AM Tai Chi 10:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Worship <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<i>19</i> 1:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM Worship <i>Good Friday</i>	<i>20</i> 5:00 PM Easter Vigil
<i>21</i> <i>Easter Sunday</i> Worship 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00am 	<i>22</i> 11:30 AM Bible Class	<i>23</i> 10:00 AM Tai Chi 6:30 PM Elders	<i>24</i> 6:30 PM Public School Confirmation	<i>25</i> 9:00 AM Tai Chi 10:00 AM Bible Class 6:00 PM Bells 7:15 PM Choir	<i>26</i> 5:30 PM Fine Arts	<i>27</i> 7:00 AM Mens Breakfast 5:00 PM Worship
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