

To the families and members of St. Paul's West Allis,

I pray that you and your family experience a wonderful Christmas season and Epiphany and that your time over the holidays has the joy of Jesus Christ. Know that Jesus was born into the world to be your personal Savior. Winter is also a time when it is cold and dark most of the time, and I love that we celebrate Jesus birth and ministry during a cold and dark season because in our lives we experience cold and darkness that is more than just weather. Jesus comes to be the Light that overcomes our darkness! He comes for you! Jesus' birth is the ultimate act of cosmic love because he comes to carry all of our sins and heavy burdens. I hope that this brings joy in your family. And speaking of family, some of the greatest earthly treasures that I have are the memories that I have with family and friends during the holidays. I hope that you are able to carve out intentional time to celebrate with each other.



Christmas and New Years are joyful, of course, but the holidays are also a time of pain and loss for many of us as we remember the loved ones that we are not with anymore. With this bitter reminder, there is a lyric to the famous Christmas song *O Holy Night* that goes like this:

“A thrill of hope—the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new glorious morn!”

Jesus is that thrill of hope that is for all of us. And this thrill is not just a gift for December 24th and 25th, but a gift for a life now and in the life in the world to come! He brings a new day to carry our sin and conquer death for us. So if you are feeling weary this time of year, rejoice knowing that Christ comes for you to be your King!

We hope that you will join our community this January in worship and all of our activities! You are always welcome here.

Sincerely,

Pastor Noah Kegley



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Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class

As we begin the new year, we are going to focus on our call to bear witness to the salvation we have been given in Jesus Christ. After a couple week introduction to the topic and a special guest speaker, we will get into newly produced materials entitled: “Every One His Witness.” These sessions will equip all of us to be better at sharing the faith in the normal course of our daily lives. The following is the schedule for the month of January:

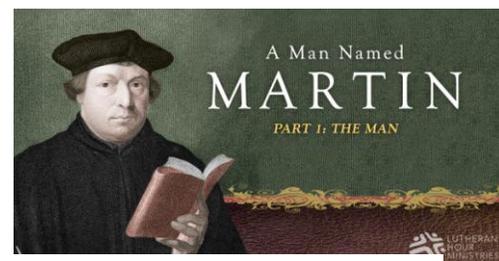
- January 5 & 12: The Call to Witness
- January 19: Rachel Meyer – Witnessing through the Teaching Ministry in Uganda
- January 26: “Every One His Witness” – Lesson 1

The mission statement of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church reads as follows: **“Responding to God’s love in Christ, through Word and Sacrament, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, St. Paul’s congregation lovingly and urgently proclaims Jesus is Lord, seeking to disciple all generations.”** Recently this statement was moved to the forefront in our bulletins. It should be at the forefront of our minds as God’s people.

Please come and join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. You will be strengthened in your faith. You will see others through the eyes of your Savior. Most importantly, you will be equipped to share your faith in conversational, informal ways as you live your day to day life.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

“A Man Named Martin” Join us for a video-based study on the life and impact of Martin Luther! We meet each Thursday morning in the fellowship Hall from 10:00 – 11:30am. See how one man influenced the church and the world through his study of the Scriptures and his desire for God’s truth!



Men’s Bible Breakfast –The Book of Zechariah

We continue to study the Book of Zechariah, with its many prophetic visions. This challenging and engaging prophetic book has powerful truth that points us to Christ and strengthens our faith. We invite and encourage the men of our congregation to join us on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

During the month of January, we will meet on the 10th and 24th of the month. We gather shortly before 7am in the fellowship hall; 79th street doors are open. We enjoy a wonderful breakfast prepared by one of the guys. We pray over both joys and burdens, and we grow in our knowledge of God and His Word. We’d love to see you there!

Monday Morning Bible Study - Psalms

11:30am in the Library

Leader: Laurel Privatt

St. Paul's Family Album

DEATH

Joyce Dolly Muecke 12/7/2019

BAPTISMS

Lily McCorkel 12/8/2019 (non-member)
Justin James Kosek 12/14/2019
Blake Owen Kosek 12/14/2019
Ainsley Reese Kosek 12/14/2019
Emelia Monroe Kosek 12/14/2019
Jack Fredrick Surdyk 12/22/2019
Laura Ibukunoluwa Priscilla Deborah Shoup
12/29/2019

RECEIVED BY PROFESSION OF FAITH

Danielle Kosek

RECEIVED BY ADULT CONFIRMATION

Justin Kosek
Wendy Koontz
Michael Dachowski
Nadia Strekow
Adam Smith

REMOVED BY TRANSFER

Rev. Timothy Prince
To: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – East
Troy, WI

REMOVED BY REQUEST

Dean & Stephanie Conway & confirmed
daughter Courtney
Karen Marciniak

How Are Your Finances?

I know, that's kind of a personal question. Perhaps it got your attention. Do you often find that you have more bills at the end of the month than money left in the checking account? Do you feel at times that your finances are a bit out-of-control and you would like to have better control of them? Are you doing pretty well, but would like to be a stronger Christian steward of the financial resources entrusted to you?

If you answered any of those questions, "Yes," then Financial Peace University is for you! **Financial Peace University is a nine lesson course on all things related to money.** In the class you will learn to budget, save, and learn the best way to pay off debt. If married, this course will help both husband and wife get on the same page. It will teach you the importance of saving up for major expenses and will even cover issues related to insurance, investing, and how to become a generous giver.

Financial Peace University is coming to St. Paul's. It will be offered on Thursday evenings beginning on January 16 at 6:30pm in the Library. The course will be team taught by Pastor Bender and Bennett and Hannah Frazier. The normal cost of the course is \$109 per individual/couple, however the South Wisconsin District has purchased some of the materials at a discount and so the first to sign up will be able to attend the course at a cost of \$80. If that is cost prohibitive for you, please speak to Pastor Bender.

A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center in the Church narthex.

Did you know your purchases can make a difference? AmazonSmile donates to St. Paul Lutheran Church when you do your holiday shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0874906

This holiday, make a difference while you shop

Shop for holiday gifts and supplies at smile.amazon.com and Amazon donates

You shop. Amazon donates.




A Special "Initial Offering"

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Initial Offering

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
West Allis, Wisconsin

Home and Mission..... _____

Special Offering for..... _____

Special Offering for..... _____

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 9:7

For those of you who donated to St. Paul's in 2019, your 2020 offering envelopes will be in your church mailbox near the end of December. If you did not contribute to St. Paul's this past year, and would like to do so, please contact the church office (414-541-6250) and we will get you a set of envelopes to use in 2020.

The Board of Finance continues to work towards a stronger fiscal situation for St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School. The Board has made a policy to have a balanced budget each year. Yet, in past years because of "deficit" budgets, we have borrowed from our memorials and dedicated funds to "make ends meet." We now need to work on repaying those funds, so they can be used for their intended purposes. Therefore, the Board of Finance is asking you to use the "Initial Offering" envelope in your 2020 envelope box for this purpose. If you have the financial ability, we would ask you to consider an extra month's giving. If that is more than you can afford, an extra two week's offering or even an additional offering of any amount will help accomplish this purpose.

We still have over \$200,000 to repay to our memorial and dedicated accounts. Your support would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to give in December towards this effort, you could simply make the additional offering and identify it as "Memorial/Dedicated Repayment" on one of the blank lines. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



Ladies Groups

Widows Lunch



The next Widows Lunch will be at 11:00 on January 8th (weather permitting) at Red Lobster on 76th Street.

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.

Ladies Book Club

Book Club will meet on January 13th at 6:30pm. Our book for January is: "The Women of Christmas" by Liz Curtis Higgs.

Ladies Guild

Our mitten basket is in the narthex. We accept socks, mittens, scarves, gloves and hats. These will be distributed to families at St. Paul’s and also to the Hope Food Pantry.

Our Mite Box is located in the narthex. Take a small box and place coins and bills in it to thank God for blessings that you have received. **DONATE YOUR CHANGE.** Most of the money collected will stay in the South Wisconsin District to support our mission goals. The remainder goes to the National LWML to support the goals that were selected at the national convention. This money will be given to 21 different organizations.

Please join us in supporting them. The Mite box is out for your the first weekend of each month.

LWML Mite Box
Collection
January 4 & 5

donations



Quilter's Patch

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Do you have 2020 vision?? Well I have a 2020 vision for the quilters of St Paul’s. It will be a year of great fellowship, lots of fun and joyful giving as we create quilts for LWR. I pray that my vision can include you as well.

Our first get together will be on Monday, January 6th at 9am until 11:30am. If you are available, please come join us...No sewing experience is needed.

Quilting dates in January and February are January 6th and 20th, February 3rd and 17th at 9:00 am.

If you have any questions regarding the quilting group, please contact Dawn Ziolecki at 414-841-6097 or via email atdzwolf2012@gmail.com

Did You Know?

Our weekend worship services are broadcast on 2 radio stations each Sunday at 8:00 am.

“JOY” 1340 AM and 98.7 FM

Our sermons, bulletins and monthly Herald are on our website. Check out www.splcwa.org

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

Christianity in a Post Christian Culture

The Church is no longer a dominant force in our Society.

Saturday, February 29, 2020

9:00am-4:00pm

at St. John Lutheran Church, 4850 S Lake Drive, Cudahy WI

Handicap Accessible

Contact info: stjohncudahy.org stjud@yahoo.com

414-481-0520

Speaker: Brad Alles an Assistant Professor of Education at Concordia University WI, and in his 32nd year of teaching. He has won the CUNE Outstanding Student Teacher Award, the MLHS Heartland Funds Teacher of Merit Award, the South Wisconsin District Teacher of the Year Award, and the CUW Master Educator Award. Besides speaking nationally, Brad has two books: *Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers* and *Starting at the End*. He also has a DVD called *Big Questions, Biblical Answers*.



Youth News

High School Youth Group News

! If you are planning on attending next summer's youth trip to Keweenaw Base Camp July 19-24, please turn in your \$200 deposit to Pastor Noah. !



Let's try this again...

Pastor Bender Movie Night!

Sunday January, 12th 6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.



High School Youth Group News

Trivia Night Fundraiser!

Saturday, January 25th 6:30 P.M. (Gymnasium)

This is a fundraiser for our entire group going on our summer servant event!

We need your help!

Want to enter a team? Teams of 6-8 people. \$10 per person.

Please RSVP to Pastor Noah or Kelly Crist

School News

As the old year draws to a close and the New Year begins, there is a flurry of activity taking place at our school.

- For starters we had our 4th Annual Cookie Walk which brought in guests and over \$3000! The profits will be used to help upgrade our school security; this money in particular will be used to help secure the Office complex. Thank you to everyone who came and either volunteered, donated or purchased cookies.
- We were also busy in Advent preparing for the two services the school held in preparation for Christmas.
- Earlier this year the 7th and 8th grade students, as part of their social studies and computers classes, wrote essays with the theme "What Makes America Great." These essays were submitted to the VFW Patriots' Pen

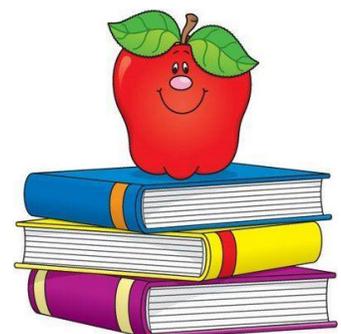


essay writing contest. The contest begins at the Post level. Congratulations to Olivia Kukor for placing 3rd and Izzy Sholty for placing 1st for Post #12100. The girls were presented with their awards by a member of the VFW at a special activity. Congratulations to all students for demonstrating strong writing abilities and ideas and to Izzy and Olivia for their success, and to Miss Jackson for organizing the project.

- The school Spelling Bee will take place January 15th.
- National Lutheran Schools Week will occur the week of January 26 -February 1.
- Our work towards becoming reaccredited has continued at a steady pace and is in the home stretch.

Lots of good things continue to happen at St. Paul's!

Jack Burkee, Principal



Days of Inclement Weather

We are entering another snow season here in Wisconsin and there will no doubt be days when the snow piles up. This can make travel difficult and even dangerous at times. While this is quite true, each of us have different levels of comfort when traveling in adverse conditions. So when it comes to attending church, please keep the following in mind:

- ❖ Discern what your personal comfort level is and if you do not feel safe in getting out or coming to church, please don't.
- ❖ If a snow storm brings 6-8 inches of snow or less, church will likely still be held. We have excellent snow removal equipment and diligent volunteers. Again, use your judgment in venturing out.
- ❖ If West Allis declares a "Snow Emergency" you cannot park on Lincoln Avenue at all and for 78th and 79th, you need to park on the "Odd address" side of the street if it is an "odd" day of the week and on the "Even address" side of the street if it is an even day.
- ❖ If a snow storm brings 9 or more inches of snow or a significant ice storm is part of the forecast, church will likely be cancelled. Cancellation of services will be on the local news stations.

Again, whether or not church is cancelled, please use your own best judgment to decide if you are going to venture out! May God bless and keep us all through the coming winter days.

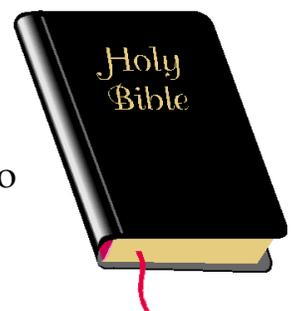


The Bible

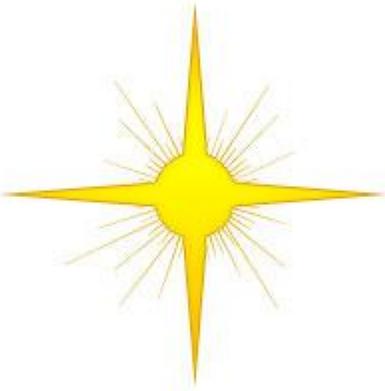
Many years ago I attended a fund raising dinner for Wycliffe Associates, where they showed slides of their mission work in Asia. One slide has stuck with me all these years. A village leader was presented a Bible in his own language. He kissed it! Embraced it close to his heart, as tears of joy flowed down his face.

How do **we** treat our Bible?

Elaine Lemke



Music Notes



It is now the season of Epiphany, or the season of revealing. Our hymn this month, "The Star Proclaims the King is Here", reveals the themes for each week in Epiphany. Verse one reminds us of the wisemen and the star. Verse two continues to discuss the light that guided these men. Verse three reminds us of Christ's baptism. Verse four reminds us of Christ's first miracles. The final verse reminds us of our Lord himself. We pray you are encouraged through the singing of this hymn throughout the month.

The end of January will bring National Lutheran Schools Week. We will be blessed to have all our St. Paul's school students share a song with the congregation on the last Sunday. We will be blessed to have the Martin Luther Choirs and Brass Choir finish our National Lutheran Schools Week celebration at the 8 & 10:30 service on February 2nd. We pray both of these special music weekends will bless you.

Musical Opportunities:

Come be a part of one or more of our musical groups:

Wednesdays *prior to Praise Service Sundays* - 7:00 PM Balcony - Praise Team

Thursdays - 6:10 PM - Balcony - Handbell Choir

-7:30 PM - Balcony - Choir

Instrumentalists - You are welcome to enhance our worship any weekend or special service.

Contact Michelle at: michelle@splcwa.org ; 414-541-6250 ext 3013; text 414-552-4938

Save the date: Jan 25th 2020

TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

January 25TH – 6:30 P.M. - Parish Hall

GET A TEAM TOGETHER AND JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN!!!

TEAMS OF 6-8 PEOPLE*

COST PER PERSON IS \$10.00

(SO A TEAM OF 8 = \$80.00)

*If you do not have a team of 6 or 8 we can help place you on a team.

COST INCLUDES: TRIVIA FUN along with pizza, garlic bread, tossed salad, fresh baked cookies, soda, water and table snacks.

***CASH PRIZE OF \$10.00 FOR EACH TEAM MEMBER on the WINNING TEAM**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

Suggestions for Memorials and Special Gifts

At times, members or friends of St. Paul's come forward to give a special gift to support and enhance St. Paul's ministry. Often these gifts are in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special event. Sometimes gifts are given for tax purposes.

Several years ago, the Church Council began keeping a list of items which were needed or desired at St. Paul's. The list is intended to give suggestions and information to prospective donors. In the past, the list was used mainly by those planning a gift. But now, the list is being circulated to all members. Soon you will find a copy in your church mailbox.

As a preview, here are a few of the major list items.

- Building Security Items (Lincoln Avenue Building)-Phase 1
 - Shatterproof Film on Office Windows- (\$900)
 - Electronic Office Door Lock – (\$4,000)
- Kitchen Improvements-Phase 2A – (\$10,600)

To replace the remaining wooden cabinets on the south wall and upgrade sink arrangements
- Screens and Projectors in Church – (\$40,000)

To provide display of visual and text images during worship services
- Digital Handheld Radios – (\$3,000)

Hand-held two-way radios for all church and school staff to enable instant communication in the event of an emergency situation
- Shatterproof Film on Hallway Windows - Lincoln Ave. Building – (\$6,500)
- Church Security Cameras and Monitor – (\$13,000)

To provide security monitoring in the church and the 78th Street entrances

The first three items (underlined) are considered priorities 1, 2 and 3, respectively. Donors are asked to consider these items first. However, depending on the donor's preferences and funds available, any item may be chosen. A donor may give the full cost of an item or may give a lesser amount toward the cost of a large item.

Watch for the complete memorial list with additional details in your church mailbox. Consider whether you could contribute all or part of a needed item.

You may also contact the church or school office if you have questions.



Are you cleaning out your closets or just doing a little clothing purge after the holidays?

Divine Connections will again be accepting gently used clothing for our annual Community Clothing Giveaway, which will be April 4, 2020.

The following dates for clothing collection and sorting at the ECC campus are:

January 11 from 9-11

February 8 and 22 from 9-11

March 7, 21 and 28 from 9-11

We could use help during these times with sorting as well, so please join us.

It is also helpful if your clothing is already sorted please label with gender (ladies, men or children) and sizes. Thank you for your continued support.

Sharing God's Bounty

A New Year – New Opportunities

Each new day brings promise of a new start. For many, the start of a new week is the time to begin that diet, get serious about exercising, or forego TV viewing. For a vast majority, though, there's something especially motivating and invigorating about seeing the January calendar on the wall. This is the year we'll accomplish great things!

God doesn't necessarily call us to do great things, however. God asks that we be trustworthy in small things (Luke 16:10-11). To that end, God gives us gifts to use to build up the Body of Christ and to reach out to the lost.

Some of us have many gifts. People like Michelangelo – painter, sculptor, and poet and Thomas Jefferson – architect, statesman, and scientific farmer – come to mind. God, the Giver of gifts, knows that the number of gifts each of us has varies. Jesus told the Parable of the Talents pointing up this fact and teaching us that success lies in using what we've been given, not in having the greatest amount.

Our gifts also differ in degree. There are many sculptors but few, if any, compare to Michelangelo. Yet their art can bring satisfaction and inspiration to others. You may not be able to sing opera, but you can sing God's praises. You may not be a great orator, but you can witness to the love and grace of God in Christ. You may not be a mechanic, but you can provide transportation for someone needing to get to an appointment or to church.

That's why God gives us gifts and abilities; that we may be equipped to serve others. The start of a new year offers us an opportune time to assess those gifts and see how we can use them for God's glory and the good of his people. The motivation to do this comes from the same one who gave the gifts! Just as God was motivated by love for us to give us, not just our gifts, but his greatest gift, his Son, so we are motivated by love for God to serve those he calls us to serve.

The Scriptures call each of us to a deeper awareness of the wonders of God's blessings, the gifts that he has showered on us in so great an abundance, and to the challenge to use those gifts and talents creatively and responsibly.

But just as you excel in everything ... in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us, see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 2 Corinthians 8:7

Renewed in Christ Hope • Strength • Soar



Groundwork Guatemala News

Happy New year to all from your Groundwork Guatemala team. It's hard to believe our trip to Guatemala is only 2 months away!

Since our last report, we have continued to work diligently (well, some days more than others...) in preparing our Faith Lessons. Lesson plans are pretty much complete, needing just a bit of polish. Posters and illustrations are in progress. Kids and Teen groups have decided on their craft projects, and now need to prepare the various materials that will be given to about 500 children. We always hope the kids will proudly take their completed crafts home and share the lesson with their families.

We also had the opportunity to give a presentation at Bible Hour on December 15. Hopefully, those in attendance have a better understanding of what Groundwork does, and how they do it. We are always anxious and happy to share our Guatemala experiences!

In-Kind Donation Update: The Guatemalan school year begins in January; Groundwork Guatemala currently supports nearly 300 children to attend nearly 50 different public and parochial schools. Unfortunately, the Guatemalan government's financial support of education is minuscule, and they make it even harder for families by requiring the children to wear uniforms and shoes (both gym and dress shoes for children who live barefoot or in flip-flops!) Groundwork Guatemala covers these additional expenses, but is heavily reliant on In-Kind Donations. Health/hygiene items are also needed: for example, Groundwork dispenses 10,000 adult, 10,000 children, and 5000 prenatal vitamins each month.

With every trip we take to Groundwork, we each bring a 50# suitcase filled with school and health/hygiene supplies. Many of you have kindly and generously contributed, and we sincerely thank you. BUT: We are running far short of previous years' donations and humbly ask that you dig a little deeper and add to to the donation bins in the narthex and near the 1st floor elevator. Lists of needed items are on the bins. There's only 2 months to go until departure; with your generous support, we can fill up those 50# suitcases!

As always, we appreciate your interest and support. Please add your prayers for the rest of our preparation time, for further in-kind donations, and for the overall success of our mission.

SERVING THE LORD IN
UGANDA

NEWS FROM RACHEL MEYER



November/December 2019

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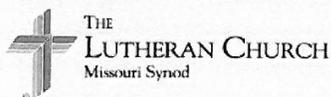
Facebook Page:
Missionary Meyer in Uganda



Students read aloud God's Word in both English and Lusoga.



Students from Hope Lutheran School in Bufuula share a drama about the Magi's visit to see Jesus.



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

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" Luke 2:13-14

Joy to the World!



Students from Nakabango Lutheran Secondary School dance as they sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

If I had been with the shepherds that first Christmas night, I do not think I could have contained my excitement upon hearing the glorious singing of the heavenly host which filled the sky. However, the Bible makes no mention of the shepherds' reaction to the sound of the angels. Rather, what caught the shepherds' attention were the words the angels shared. What blessed words those were, as the angels glorified God at the birth of the long-awaited Savior!

This year, students from Lutheran schools near Jinja are also celebrating the birth of our Savior in word and song. On November 30, the Lutheran Church of Uganda held its first annual Christmas Carols program in the Eastern deanery. Students from eight area Lutheran schools, as well as seminarians and members of local church choirs, gathered together for a service of Lessons and Carols. God's Word was proclaimed as students from each school read aloud scriptures, beginning with the Old Testament prophecies of the Savior, continuing through their

fulfillment in the Christmas narratives of the Gospels. To aid the students' understanding of those scriptures, each school also presented a poem or skit based on one of the readings. The meaning of that Word was further embedded into their hearts and proclaimed for all to hear as each school joyfully sang an Advent or Christmas carol.

It was a joy to work with the students from each of these schools to help teach them these Christmas carols. It was the first time most of these students had heard these songs. Yet now, many of the students have all of the stanzas of these beloved hymns memorized. It brings a smile to my face to hear the students now carrying those songs with them as they prepare to celebrate Christmas with their home congregations and families. As they continue to raise their beautiful voices like the angels that first Christmas night, they are proclaiming the wonderful message of our Savior's birth.



Seminarians sing "Angels We Have Heard on High" in three-part harmony.

Thanks be to God

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The Lord to bring more people in Uganda and around the world to saving faith in Christ
- The Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of the newly baptized and confirmed
- God's Word to be proclaimed boldly during this Christmas season
- Health and safety of students while they are on break from school
- Health and safety as I travel for home service

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The gift of Jesus, our Savior, the Promised Messiah
- The Word of God shared during the LCU Christmas Carols program
- The successful completion of our school year
- The many congregations, schools, and individuals who pray for, encourage, 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.



◀ Growing the Church

We rejoice with the congregation of Nakabango Lutheran as three people were brought into the Lord's family through the waters of baptism and 15 young adults were confirmed on November 17. We thank God for the way He is working through His Word in the lives of the people in this congregation and community.

Connecting with Students ▶

This month, we were able to connect with students from Concordia University, Irvine, who were in Jinja as part of a study-abroad class they are taking. It was very special for me to get to see one of my former second grade students from California!



◀ Completion of School

The students shared a presentation for the parents as we concluded the school year at Hope Lutheran School in Bufuula on November 26. We thank God for all of the parents, teachers, and church and school leadership who are working together for the education of the children.

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*Thank you all for your prayers, encouragement, and support.
 I will be coming to the States in December and January for home service.
 I look forward to seeing you soon and sharing updates about the
 amazing ways God is at work here in Uganda!*

*A blessed Christmas to you in Christ!
 -Rachel*



To support the LCMS through the work of Rachel Meyer, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
 P.O. Box 66861
 St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

Or through:

Mission Central
 40718 Highway E-16
 Mapleton, IA 51034

Make checks payable to
 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

On the memo line, include
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January 2020

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<i>1</i> <i>Happy New Year</i>	<i>2</i> 9:00 AM Tai Chi 10:00 AM Bible Class	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 5:00 PM Worship
			<i>5</i> 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	<i>6</i> 9:00 AM Quilters 11:30 AM Bible Class	<i>7</i> 10:00 AM Tai Chi 6:00 PM Board of Christian Education	<i>8</i> 11:00 AM Widows Lunch 6:30 PM Public School Confirmation
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<i>26</i> 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Lutheran Schools Week	<i>27</i> 11:30 AM Bible Class 6:30 PM Ladies Guild	<i>28</i> 10:00 AM Tai Chi 6:30 PM Elders	<i>29</i> 6:30 PM Public School Confirmation	<i>30</i> 9:00 AM Tai Chi 10:00 AM Bible Class 6:00 PM Bells 6:30 PM Financial Peace 7:30 PM Choir	<i>31</i> 6:30 PM Rangerettes	

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