

To the people of St. Paul's West Allis,

I pray that you all are doing well and that you have joy in Jesus. I also hope that you are healthy, especially with all of the illness that has been going through families in our church and school!



As I write to you today, I write to you with an attitude of anticipation. There are many things that I am waiting for. I am waiting for Monica and I's baby girl to be born. I am waiting for snow to melt. I am waiting for spring to arrive (hopefully by baby's due date, but maybe that's asking too much?). But most especially I am waiting for Easter. At the end of February (the twenty-sixth to be exact) we begin our journey through the season of Lent. All too often we think of Lent as a sad, gloomy, and self-depreciating season of the church year. But this year I want all of us to journey through Lent with an attitude that might be less predictable. I want us to journey through Lent with joy! (Yes it actually is okay to say "Alleluia!" in Lent). Why joy? Shouldn't we be sad and sorrowful in Lent like always? Well, I want us to admit and confess when we fall short, but when we focus too much on our sinful condition, we neglect our forgiven and baptized identity. That fact is, Jesus Christ is risen and lives and reigns to all eternity, right now! The author of Hebrews writes,

*"But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified."* Hebrews 10:12-14

Jesus' once-and-for-all sacrifice endures! And we wait for the day when He returns to make all things new. But as we wait for that Day, we wait with **JOY** because he has conquered death that took place that first Easter morning. And Lent is just the beginning of the joy of Easter. Join us this Lenten season with joy!

Joyfully,

Pastor Noah Kegley



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# Join us for worship during the season of Lent!

Each Wednesday in Lent at 10:00am & 6:00pm

Our preaching series during Lent is entitled "The Gospel in Seven Words". The season of Lent is a time to reflect and confess our faith in the hope that we have in Jesus. This series will help equip our congregation to confess our faith before a world that desperately needs the Gospel. Together, we will examine the *right* words to speak where we formulate a confession of the Gospel in seven words.



## Lent Meals

Lent brings with it the opportunity to worship at 6 pm each Wednesday evening as we prepare our hearts for the Lent season and Holy Week. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 26th. Beginning Wednesday, March 5th, you are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a simple evening meal, prepared for you and your family. If you have already attended these meals, why not bring a friend this season? This meal is available not only to encourage fellowship with our church family, but also to create time for you to relax and not worry about cooking a meal before worship. Supper is available from 4:45-5:50 pm. Participants are asked kindly to give a free will offering to cover only the cost of the meal, however this is not mandatory. Menus for each week are posted in the school newsletter, weekly church bulletins, the Herald, as well as in the narthex. There is always a kid friendly menu available as well. It is our hope that these meals will be a blessing to you and your family. If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Mueller @ 262-613-3657.

March 4: Chicken & Rice Casserole, green beans, dessert, kids meal (hot dog, chips, carrots)

March 11: Baked Potato Soup, fresh veggies w/ranch, bread, dessert, kids meal

March 18: Minestrone Soup, Italian bread & butter, hot dogs, chips, carrots, dessert

March 25: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad, dessert, kids meal



# Bible Classes

## Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class ~ “Everyone His Witness”

You will be strengthened in your faith, see others through the eyes of your Savior and most importantly, you will be equipped to share your faith in conversational, informal ways as you live your day to day life.

Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall

## 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

The Book of Zechariah contains many prophecies about the coming of the Messiah, the Savior of the world. We meet on March 14 & 28 in the Fellowship hall. All men of the congregation are welcome. Come and learn the truth that God has always had a plan for his people in every day and age.

We gather shortly before 7am in the fellowship hall; 79<sup>th</sup> street doors are open. We eat breakfast, we pray, we grow together in faith, sharing God’s Word and our own lives. We’d love to see your there!

## Thursday Evening Ladies Study

6:00pm in Room 202

“You Are The Girl For The Job: Daring to Believe the God Who Calls You”

Leader: Heather Sanchez

*The Concordia Bible Institute at Concordia University Wisconsin is pleased to offer six in-depth Bible studies on various Mondays of the spring semester. These presentations are all taught by distinguished experts and are wonderful opportunities to learn more of the depth of God’s word. For more information visit [concordiabile.org](http://concordiabile.org) or call 262-243-4343.*

## OUR MISSION TEAM

AS THEY ONCE MORE GO TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS TO THE PEOPLE OF GUATEMALA,  
—LET US PRAY EACH DAY FOR GOD’S GUIDANCE AND PROTECTION AS THEY SERVE HIM THERE.  
NOT ONLY SUPPLYING SOME MATERIAL NEEDS, BUT MORE IMPORTANT,  
—SHARING GOD’S LOVE AND SALVATION TO ALL.

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**CBI In-Depth Bible Studies Spring 2020**

February 24 - Dr. Gregory Schulz  
“Christ and His Church Contra Postmodernism: Part I”

March 2 - Dr. Gregory Schulz  
“Christ and His Church Contra Postmodernism: Part II”

March 9 - Dr. Jason Soenksen  
“The Book of Nahum”

March 23 - Dr. Aaron Moldenhauer  
“Reading Galatians with Luther”

March 30 - Dr. Harald Tomesch  
“The Doxology of the Lord’s Prayer”

April 6 - Dr. Brian German  
“The Unholy Trinity of Revelation”

All classes meet 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Friends of Concordia Room



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# Ladies Groups

## Widows Lunch

The next Widows Lunch will be on March 11<sup>th</sup> immediately after our 10:00 Lenten Worship service. Meet at Mo's Irish Pub on Hwy 100 & Bluemound 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.

## Ladies Book Club

Book Club will meet on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Early Childhood Center. The book for March is: "Chasing Sunsets" by Karen Kingsbury.

## Ladies Guild

Thank you to all who donated to our Mite Box. We accept coins and bills - they can be put in the small boxes that are at the Welcome Desk in the narthex. Take one home and use it to thank God for His blessings. Our next meeting is March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come and meet our new members. Hope to see you there!

LWML Mite Box Collection  
March 7 & 8

## Quilter's Patch

I am happy to report that we received \$250 from Thrivent and the funds were used to purchase batting and a few other small items. In even happier news, we have a few additions to the quilting team...Deanna Stockinger, Cheryl Seifert and occasionally, Laurel Privatt.

Some of our quilts have made it to the country of Djibouti. Djibouti is a country located in the Horn of Africa. It is bordered by Somaliland in the southeast, Ethiopia in the south and west, Eritrea in the north, and the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden in the east.

Quilting dates in March and April are March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions regarding the quilting group, please contact Dawn Ziolecki at 414-841-6097 or via email atdzwolf2012@gmail.com

## Divine Connections

Divine Connections continues to accept gently used clothing for our annual  
Community Clothing Giveaway, scheduled for April 4, 2020 from  
10:00am – 2:00pm.



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

March 7, 21 and 28 from 9-11

It is helpful if your clothing is already sorted. Please label with gender (ladies, men or children) and sizes. We could use help during these times with sorting as well, so please join us.

We are also looking for help with set up and sorting April 3 and assisting guests at the Clothing Giveaway on April 4. This is a wonderful opportunity to see God at work so please join us.

Sign up times will be in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support.

# Youth News

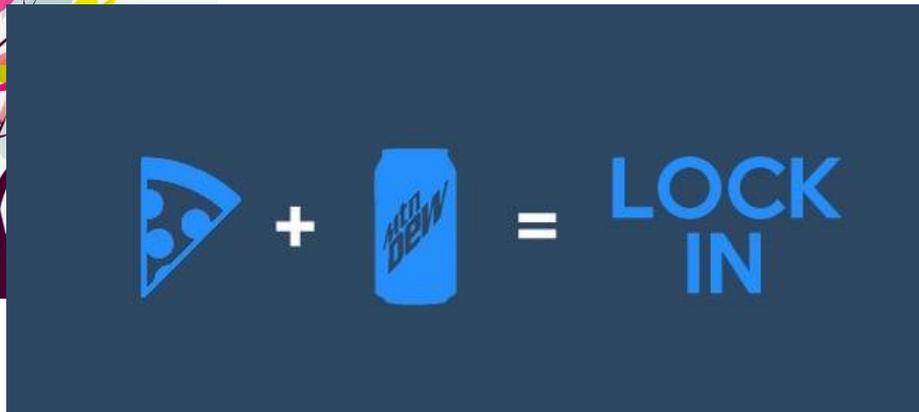
## High School Youth Ministry News

### Spring Mini Lock-In

Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M.

Invite your friends! There will be games, food, and time in God's Word!

Please RSVP to Pastor Noah by Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>!



## High School Game Night

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

Where? @ Falcon Glen 5049 South Falcon Glen Blvd. Greenfield, WI

Please RSVP to Pastor Noah or Maggie Valentino (414) 550-2838 by March 27<sup>th</sup>!



### ***Opportunity for high school musicians:***



Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) is the nation's premiere faith-based music academy for high school students, and is now accepting applications for this summer! LSM is a residential summer music academy for students grades 8-12. LSM exists at the intersection of Musical Excellence, Nurturing Community, and Faith Development, and for 39 years LSM has watched many students' lives transform during our academy. LSM 2020 will take place June 28-July 26 at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana. Please talk with your child about LSM and consider making this a part of your summer. Not only will it enrich your child musically, but will encourage them to be a leader, learn new life skills, practice their faith through music, and just as importantly – they will have the time of their life! For more information visit [lsmacademy.org](http://lsmacademy.org) or reach out to [admissions@lutheransummermusic.org](mailto:admissions@lutheransummermusic.org).

Brochures about the event are available from Michelle Prince. [michelle@splcwa.org](mailto:michelle@splcwa.org)

To experience what a typical evening at LSM is like, you and your child are invited to attend the **Evening with LSM event hosted by St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Waukesha on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00pm**. This event will feature LSM Faculty, alumni, and student performances followed by evening prayer and a reception. This event models our three pillars of Musical Excellence, Nurturing Community, and Faith Development and will be a wonderful way to meet LSM faculty, alumni, and students and hear their LSM testimonies.

## **Servants of Christ Conference June 23-24**

God's Peace to You!

The Servants of Christ 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. These sessions are designed to strengthen their faith and help them to live as servants of Christ in our challenging world. The Servants of Christ Conference is for all students starting grades 9-12 fall of 2020, and it will take place on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> on our Mequon campus. The cost, \$25, covers lodging and three meals. Adult chaperones are welcome to attend for the same cost as students, \$25.

Please visit and encourage youth to visit this link for more information and to see the schedule and breakaway sessions from 2019 in order to get an idea of what to expect for 2020:

[www.cuw.edu/ServantsofChristConference](http://www.cuw.edu/ServantsofChristConference)

Thank you! In Christ,

Rev. Ron Mudge, Ph.D.

Rouse Associate Professor of Pre-seminary Studies Pre-Seminary Director Concordia University Wisconsin [ronald.mudge@cuw.edu](mailto:ronald.mudge@cuw.edu) (262)243-4301

# Music Notes



**Instrumentalists** - Would you like to add to Easter Worship on Sunday April 12th? We would love to add your instrument to our Easter songs. Festival Worship will be at 9 & 11 AM. You may join us for one or both services. [michelle@splcwa.org](mailto:michelle@splcwa.org) 414-541-6250 text: 414-552-4938 [A Vigil Service is Saturday Evening at 5 PM and a Sunrise service will be Sunday at 6:30 AM - if you would like to play for either service, please contact Michelle]

## Other Music opportunities:

Handbell Choir - Thursday evenings 6:10-7:10 PM- church balcony

Praise Team - Wednesdays 7:00 PM prior to 2nd/4th Sundays of the month

Vocal or Instrumental Solos/Small Groups - Contact Michelle and play/sing for an upcoming service

## Hymn of the Month: *A Stable Lamp is Lighted*

This hymn is written to remind us of Palm Sunday and how creation praises the Lord, Luke 19: 39-40 “And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him [Jesus], “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” [for shouting Hosanna, blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord]. Jesus answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

Each verse repeats these words, “and every stone shall cry, and every stone shall cry...” and then continues telling about how these stones, if crying, would tell more about our Lord and His salvation! Even the rocks, hills and trees praise the Lord!

Richard Wilbur - *A Stable Lamp is Lighted*

A stable lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky;  
The stars shall bend their voices, and ev'ry stone shall cry.  
And ev'ry stone shall cry, and straw like gold shall shine;  
A barn shall harbor heaven, a stall become a shrine.

This child through David's city, shall ride in triumph by;  
The palm shall strew its branches, and ev'ry stone shall cry.  
And ev'ry stone shall cry. Though heavy, dull, and dumb,  
And lie within the roadway to pave His kingdom come.

Yet He shall be forsaken, and yielded up to die;  
The sky shall groan and darken, and ev'ry stone shall cry.  
And ev'ry stone shall cry, for stony hearts of men:  
God's blood upon the spearhead, God's love refused again.

But now, as at the ending, the low is lifted high:  
The stars shall bend their voices, and ev'ry stone shall cry.  
And ev'ry stone shall cry, in praises of the Child  
By whose decent among us the worlds are reconciled.



For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. Colossians 1:19-20

**A Multi-cultural Event for Women of Southern Wisconsin**

**Saturday March 14, 2020**

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
13445 Hampton Road Brookfield, WI

8:30 AM Doors open  
9:00 AM Exhibits open  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:00 AM Program



Lunch will be provided and a free-will offering will be taken

Register on line at [lwml-swd.org/events/other](http://lwml-swd.org/events/other)  
or e-mail Mai Thao at [mthao@gmail.com](mailto:mthao@gmail.com)  
Or more information call 262-345-7771

# Sharing God's Bounty

“A young man dressed in a white robe . . . said, ‘You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter . . .’” (Mark 16:5-7).

“Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid” (Mark 16:8).

Who wouldn't tremble and be afraid! You go to anoint a body to prepare it for a proper burial, but the body is missing. Then some ethereal creature tells you the body isn't there because it is no longer dead but alive. Who could take it in? “*Don't be alarmed*” the man in white said. Yeah, right!

Yet, looking back, perhaps the women remembered the thousands he had fed with only two fish and five loaves of bread (Matthew 14:15-21). Maybe they thought again about the raising of Lazarus from the dead (John 11:38-44). After all, he was the one who had stilled the raging sea (Mark 4:35-41).

Somewhere, sometime, that trembling and bewilderment turned to joy and faith, for they did go tell his disciples and Peter (Matthew 28:8). And Jesus met them and greeted them, and they worshipped him. “Then Jesus said to them, ‘*Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brothers . . .*’” (Matthew 28:9-10).

Jesus' last command is the same as this one: Don't be afraid. Go and tell. We can understand the fear of the women at the empty tomb. What are we afraid of? Trouble? Or hardship? Persecution? Or famine? Nakedness? Or danger? Or sword? There is no fear in these things! “*No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us*” (Romans 8:35, 37). We have the benefit of history. The women at the tomb couldn't fathom the outcome, but we have God's Word that assures us of our victory in Christ. We have his promise, “*And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age*” (Matthew 28:20). So don't be afraid! Go and tell!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! **Alleluia!**

*Renewed in Christ Hope • Strength • Soar*



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## Groundwork Guatemala News

Blessings to our Groundwork Guatemala Team as they travel and spread God's love to those around the world.

Our Groundwork Guatemala Team will return on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**And We're Off!** By the time you read this, your 2020 Groundwork Guatemala team will have arrived in Guatemala! New team members Sue Vilter and Ken and Lori Moy join Crystal Barry, Nancy Gottschalk, Darla Leitermann, Bob Reynolds, Joe Ross, and Lenore VanSanten for a week of sharing the love of Jesus in the villages of Guatemala.

We are excited to be on our way after 9 months of preparation. We are thankful to God for the opportunity. We are thankful to the St. Paul's congregation for their donations, fund-raising support, and prayers. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you!

While we are gone, we ask for your continued prayer support:

- For safe travels and good health of our Groundwork team throughout the trip
- For the safety of the local Guatemalan missionaries as they travel to and from work each day
- For all the students sponsored by members of St. Paul's, that they be diligent and successful in their studies, leading to a better quality of life for themselves and their families
- For meaningful work for the Guatemalan people that they may adequately support their families
- For safe water and sanitation to protect the Guatemalans from infectious diseases
- For an end to gang violence and corruption in Guatemala, and protection of your people
- For honest government and leaders who will work for the good of all the people

Lord Jesus, help us to be still as we come into your presence, that we might hear your voice and follow your leading. Thank you for your saving Word, and help us to share it with those we meet in Guatemala in word and deed. In your holy name we pray, **AMEN.**



### **It's time to order your Easter Flowers to help decorate our altar on Easter.**

Order envelopes are at the Welcome Desk in the narthex and by the elevator. Choose from Lilies, tulips, daffodils or hyacinths. All plants are \$10.00 each. Deadline to order is March 18<sup>th</sup>.

# March 2020

## Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>1</i></p> <p>8:00 AM Worship</p> <p>9:15 AM Bible Class &amp; Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Tai Chi</p> <p>6:00 PM Board of Christian Education</p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Lent Worship</p> <p>4:45 PM Lent Dinner</p> <p>6:00 PM Lent Worship</p> <p>7:00 PM Public School Confirmation</p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Tai Chi</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Class</p> <p>5:45 PM Board of Finance</p> <p>6:00 PM Bells</p> <p>6:00 PM Bible Class</p> <p>6:30 PM Financial Peace</p> <p>7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Mini Lock In</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Clothing Collection</p> <p>5:00 PM Worship</p> <p>6:15 PM Evaluation </p>
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SERVING THE LORD IN  
**UGANDA**  
NEWS FROM RACHEL MEYER



January 2020

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**THANK YOU!**

What a blessing it was to visit with so many of you the last few months while I was on home service in America. It was a joy to share an update with you about the way God is working through His Word here in Uganda. It was also a joy to see the way God is working in and through all of you.

I thank God for each and every one of you and for your partnership in the Gospel. Thank you for faithfully reflecting the light of Christ to me and my students, as well as to those around you.



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*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden... In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." --Matthew 5:14, 16*

## Reflections of Christ's Light

As I visited different churches, schools, and individuals in the United States during home service, over and over I smiled as it was clear that "Jesus is here." As God's Word is faithfully taught in the churches and schools, Jesus' light is shining brightly. Everywhere I went, I was humbled and encouraged to see Christians reflecting that light brightly into the world, bringing glory to God the Father in heaven. I offer here a small sample of the many bright reflections of Christ's love I witnessed among you the last few months.

### Jesus' light shines...

✝ *In the loving care of a pastor visiting shut-ins, bringing them God's Word and sacrament.*

✝ *In the selfless service of a congregation member reaching out to provide fellowship for the lonely and needy in the church.*

✝ *In the Spirit-filled ministry of a Christian, eyes always alert for whom God would have her bless that day with a prayer and a card with God's Word.*

✝ *In the loving hug of a long-time friend, assuring me with tear-filled eyes that she remembers me daily in her prayers.*

✝ *In the encouraging emails and cards from partners in ministry, reminding me of God's promises and assuring me of God's work through the body of Christ.*

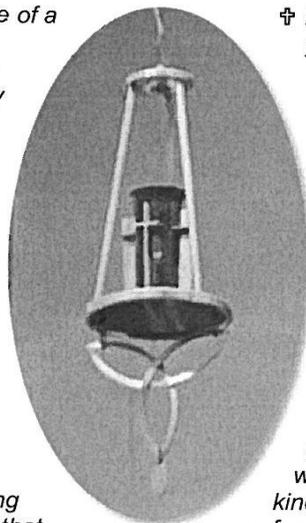
✝ *In the generous hospitality of host families whose words and actions made me know I was most welcome.*

✝ *In the handwriting of young students, witnessing their faith by writing and illustrating Bible verses to share with others.*

✝ *In the faithful service of teachers, with hearts overflowing with Christ's love for their students.*

✝ *In the confident proclamation of a whole class of kindergartners, each confessing their assurance that Jesus loves them more than anything else in this world.*

✝ *In the tender prayer of a young child, asking God to help the children in Uganda to learn about Jesus.*



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- *The Lord to bring more people in Uganda and around the world to saving faith in Christ*
- *The ministry of the schools as we begin a new school year*
- *Health and safety for those in areas affected by the Coronavirus.*

**GIVE THANKS FOR:**

- *Christians around the world who are reflecting the light of Christ*
- *A blessed and safe time of sharing and mutual encouragement in the Lord during home service*
- *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.*



# Prayers for ministry

**IN UGANDA**

Students may have been on break from school this past month, but ministry continued in the Lutheran Church of Uganda. January was a busy time of planning and preparations for a new year. Please continue to keep the ministry here in your prayers as God's Word is preached, pastors are trained, children are brought up in the faith, and God's name is praised.

**IN TAIWAN**

Before God called me to Uganda, I served as a missionary teacher in Taiwan for three years. I ask that you keep the health and safety of my fellow missionaries, friends, and students there in your prayers. Because of Taiwan's proximity to China and the Coronavirus outbreak, they are taking precautionary measures to control the spread of the disease, including the closing of schools for a few weeks. The school where I served also recently had a fire in the administration building. No one was hurt, but they are requesting prayers as they deal with the damage and continue on in ministry.

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*Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.*  
*-Colossians 4:2*

*Humbly in the Lord's service,*  
*-Rachel Meyer*

## Kids' Corner

***Figure it out...***

In America, we use what is called the Imperial system of measurement. However, Uganda and most other parts of the world use the metric system. Can you convert between the two systems?

**From my hometown of Milwaukee, Wisconsin to where I now live in Jinja, Uganda is 12,430km. How far is this in miles?**

***Sharing God's Word***

In Lusoga, you can tell someone

**"Jesus loves you!"**  
by saying,

**"Yesu akuyenda!"**  
(Yay-su ah-koo-yen-dah)

This month, find a Bible verse or song to tell someone how much Jesus loves them!



*I thank God for this faithful prayer warrior, my mother. It was a blessing to get to spend time with her and the rest of my family while I was in the States.*



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