

THE MESSENGER

Worship Times

Mondays - 6 pm (Simplified)

Wednesdays - 7 pm

Saturdays - 6 pm

Sundays - 7:30, 9 & 10:45 am

Sundays - 6:30 pm (Spanish)

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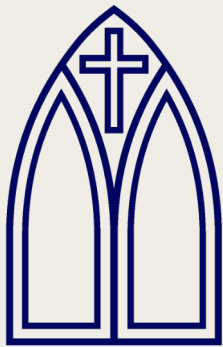
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Mondays - 11 am & 6 pm



ST. MARK'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*170 years of sharing Jesus
in Watertown*

Proclaim Jesus

The eyes of the nation were locked on him. Many wide in adoration, some squinting with rejection. Charismatic, and what a speaker! Surrounded by enthusiastic crowds, this radically courageous man was cheered for the bold ideas, the decisive change that he announced to the people. His message gone full viral: The future would be different. Their lives better. A great change was here!

He was John the Baptist. The Change was Repentance. The Hope he proclaimed was the Kingdom of God, arrived in Jesus Christ, the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

As brilliant and charismatic as John was, it was not his intent to draw followers to himself. Rather, John's purpose was to put all approval, all adoration, on Jesus: "He must increase!...but I must decrease!" (John 3:30).

Heed this great preacher!

In the beautiful sanctuary, the adorned house of God where our church family worships every seven days - Christ is elevated. No other character, no other movement, no other message than "Jesus, God's Son, your Savior!"

In the robust and rescuing work of our Christian school - Christ is elevated. No lesson more important, no teacher more gifted, than the one proclaiming "Christ Crucified for You!" (1 Corinthians 1:23-24).

In our life: no principle more noble, no beacon so brightly followed as "I Live For Christ!" (Philippians 1:21).

Look around. There are big personalities everywhere. But none matter except the person of Jesus Christ, whose divine blood was shed on the cross to atone for our evil and to lock in our new endless, perfect life.

Spirit of God, bless the ministry of this congregation as we proclaim the saving name of Jesus!

--Pastor Backus

Bible Classes



The Power of the Gospel - Romans

**Sundays, 10:30 am
Parish Center**

Join us for "The Power of the Gospel," We'll explore the historical context, authorship, and key themes of the Book of Romans.

First Class Sunday

**Sundays - 8:45 am
Parish Center**

Our journey continues in chapter 11 of the book of Matthew. Come and join us as we discuss the lessons and themes of Matthew and apply them to our lives today.

New Member Class / Bible Information Class

**Tuesdays, 7- 8:30 pm - Room B2
January 7th – April 22nd**

This is an excellent overview for current members and anyone interested in learning the basic teachings of the Bible.

If you would like more information, contact Pastor Walther at pastor.walther@smlcwatertown.com or 920-262-8504.

Let's Do Lunch

**Tuesdays, 12 noon
Parish Center**

The Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ weaves the events of the Savior's life and the words of his teachings from the gospels into a single narrative. As you read, you will explore the announcement of his birth, the Sermon on the Mount, his crucifixion, his resurrection, and his ascension, all in chronological order.

God's Word in Great Detail

Thursdays, 9 am and 4 pm - Room B2

In February, the focus will be on the OT Prophet: Jeremiah.

No personal daily habit
can give you more
strength than spending
time feeding quietly on
God's Word.

Worship This Month

Jan 29, Feb 1, 2

Epiphany 4
Luke 4:38-44
Jesus Defeats Diseases,
Demons, Devil

Feb 5, 8, 9

Epiphany 5
Luke 5:1-11
Jesus Calls Four Fisherman

Feb 12, 15, 16

Epiphany 6
Luke 6:17-26
Jesus Issues Blessings & Woes

Feb 19, 22, 23

Epiphany 7
Luke 6:27-36
Love Enemies—As Jesus Did

Feb 26 & Mar 1, 2

Transfiguration
Luke 9:28-36
Luke Reports Jesus Is Transfigured

Statistics from Our Mexican Ministry:

Students in our school

20 Mexican families have enrolled
35 students in St. Mark's School.

That's about 16% of the student
body, and about 95% (!) of our
potential Mexican students.

Altogether probably more than a
quarter of St. Mark's student body
has some Mexican ancestry.

Thank you St. Mark's members!!!

Meals on Wheels

Thanks again to the many volunteers
here at St. Mark's who delivered
meals the week of January 13, 2025.
The volunteers brought joy to many
as they rang their doorbells. The shut-
ins in our community are very
appreciative of this service.

If anyone has questions, or would
consider serving as a volunteer,
please call Yvonne at
902-261-5844.

Monday Night Simplified Services - 6 pm

Beginnings and Blessings

- *Mon, Feb 3, 2025* *Heaven's Stairway*
Genesis 28:10-22



- *Mon, Feb 10, 2025* *From Pit to Palace*
Genesis 37:1-11;
23-28; 50:15-21



New Series Starts

Praying with Purpose

- *Mon, Feb 17, 2025* *First Petition* *Matthew 6:9-13*
- *Mon, Feb 24, 2025* *Second Petition* *Matthew 6:9-13*

Next Teen Online Bible Study—Feb. 16, at 6:00 p.m. *Love to the Fullest*

Some sources claim that there have been over 100 million songs written in our world about the topic of love. Everyone's talking—or singing—about it, but what exactly is love? What does it look like? How do we know when we find it? How do we know how to show it? This interactive online Bible study for teens will explore those questions and more as we look closely at Jesus and find out what is "Love to the Fullest."

Learn more and sign-up.



New Members

By Confirmation

Jaziel Arguijo
Xavier Arguijo
Samantha Carley
Peggy Christian
Brenda Hoene
Yadira Ortega
Kati Schlosser
Jay Schwartz

By Profession of Faith

Clyde Gerth
Martha Hella-Siravo
Jasmine Siravo

By Transfer

Mark, Julie, Zachary, Logan Huebner
Jason, Brenda, Caleb, Mikaela, Jeremiah Koester
Tim Rehbaum
Rev. Mark & Andrea Schroeder

GriefShare - Grief Support Group

No matter what the circumstances, grief is a painful, confusing process. A GriefShare group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this 13-week support group program, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

At each weekly meeting, you will view a video featuring respected counselors, pastors, and healthcare professionals on grief-related topics, plus you'll hear relatable personal stories of grief. After that is a small-group discussion to allow people time to talk, share support, and personally apply what they learned on the video. Everyone will receive a book to take home filled with valuable exercises for navigating their personal grieving process.

Topics include how to manage grief-related emotions such as loneliness, anxiety, sadness, anger, and regret; how to cope with the changes in your life and relationships; and how to recognize what's normal in grief and what to do if you feel stuck or hopeless.

GriefShare group participants have repeatedly shared that they feel comforted and encouraged by being in a place where people truly understand what they're going through. And they feel a sense of relief when they're given guidance and tips on how to deal with the daily challenges.

Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. No matter how long it's been, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling.

If you have experienced the death of a family member or friend, you are invited to join us on Sundays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. starting on February 2-May 4. Please take note that on Sunday, February 9, we will be meeting from 1:00-3:00. For more details, and to find and register for a group at St. Luke's, visit griefshare.org. Or contact Lou Klein at 920-988-1156 or Cathy Hoof at 920-285-3961.

Church Family

Baptisms

Clayton Allen Hensler - 01/04
Mitchell & Kelsey Hensler

Funerals

Audrey M. Reals
Entered eternal glory - 01/02
Funeral - 1/14

December Memorials

Memorials – for St. Mark's Church, School Building Fund, Missions, the ROC, St. Mark's Scholarship Fund, etc.

These memorials have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the following:

In Memory of:

Carrol Huebner
Larry Neigel
Craig Kragenbrink
Robert Kugler
Everett Borth

General Fund:

Mary Jane Ninmann

School Loan (Finish the Race)

Carrol Huebner
Earl Zubke
Michael Chwala
Ellen Fischer
Brian Schroeder
Betty Zimmerman
Donald Groose
Larry Neigel
Judy Pieper
Richard DeFrain
Craig Kragenbrink
Mary Jane Ninmann
Rev. Robert Hochmuth

Music

Robin Zoellick

Good Samaritan

Joyce Braunschweig Sevde
Rich Skora

St. Mark's Women's Ministry

Sunday, February 23rd
3-4:30 in the Parish Center.

Join us as we 'Sit at Jesus' Feet' with Bible study on Biblical hospitality, discussion, refreshments and fellowship.

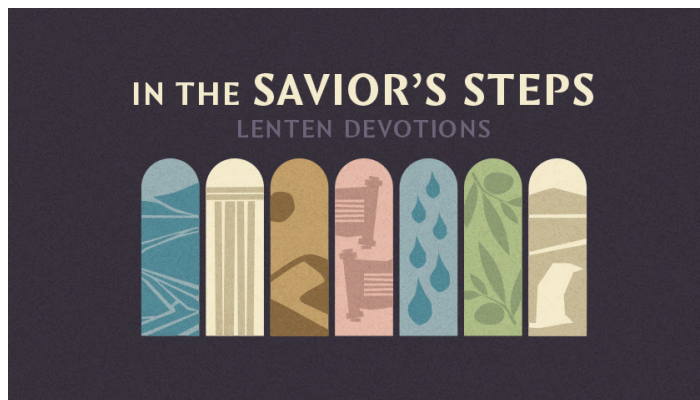
Biblical Hospitality--In contrast to the modern concept of hosting, biblical hospitality sees the needs of others and responds from the rich pool of blessings received from Jesus. As women, we tend to be relational and often have God-given gifts that make us more aware of and sensitive to the feelings of those around us. To nurture, encourage, and equip that tendency, this study will expand your understanding of biblical hospitality, demonstrate what it looks like, and provide practical application for your life.

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid will meet on February 6 at 1:00 pm in the parish center. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.

Good Samaritans

There will be no Good Samaritans meeting in Feb. Our next meeting will be on Tues. March 11th at 6:00 pm in the parish center.



Lenten devotions from WELS Women's Ministry

WELS Women's Ministry is offering weekly devotions for the 2025 season of Lent. We're used to traveling with Jesus during Holy Week from the upper room to the cross to the empty tomb. But these aren't the only places Jesus visited during his earthly ministry. This Lent, join WELS Women's Ministry as we follow in our Savior's steps through a series of weekly devotions.



Women's Retreat



The members of St. Matthew's, Oconomowoc would like to invite all women of our congregation to their Women's Retreat on Feb. 22. Registration fee is \$50, only \$15 for high school and college students.

Just as plants need to be rooted in nutrient-rich soil in order to grow big and strong, so too the Christian's life should be rooted in God's Word to nourish their faith. Join us on Saturday, February 22, to boost your growth and resilience by being Beautifully Rooted in Christ. Our nourishment will come from Colossians 2:6-7: "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

Scan the QR code to register and learn more. If you would rather not register online, please contact Julie Nehr directly at jnehr@smls.org or (262) 912-6364.



Lord, help me remember to pray about things that bother me today, more than I scheme on how to fix them.



Hope in the California fires

Over January, fires ravaged entire neighborhoods and communities in southern California. The two main

blazes, the Palisades Fire and the Eaton Fire, destroyed or damaged more than 15,000 structures and displaced nearly 200,000 people, according to a report on nbcnews.com.

We thank God for sparing Hope Lutheran Church, in Los Angeles, which was within 10 miles of the fires. Additionally, there have been no reports of significant loss or damage from members.

But the surrounding devastation left Hope's neighbors and community in need. By Sat., Jan. 11, Hope partnered with Pali Fire Support to operate a donation and distribution center on the congregation's campus, which they were able to open that Saturday and Sun., Jan. 12. While providing material aid, such as clothes, toiletries, diapers, and gift cards, the congregation's members were also providing spiritual and emotional support to those in need.

The congregation and Pali Fire Support opened the center again on Sat., Jan. 18. Rev. Steven Gabb, pastor at Hope, says, "At the same time, 'pop up' efforts like ours are naturally giving way to well-established organizations with the infrastructure, manpower, storage space, and experience in providing humanitarian aid on such a large scale. As such, by the end of the day on Saturday (January 18), we had made plans to cease our operation and move our inventory to one of those larger community organizations."

"Our role, along with countless others throughout Los Angeles," explains Gabb, "has been to help bridge the gap between the event and the time when insurance and government aid is able to provide more comprehensive support. It has been a humbling privilege to do our part as God's instruments and voices in our community."

WELS Christian Aid and Relief provided a \$6,000 grant to Hope to help with local efforts and to provide gift cards for people who lost their homes or were displaced. In addition, Christian Aid and Relief gave \$5,000 to Direct Relief, an organization that specializes in medical assistance in disaster situations.

Gabb concludes, "Many thanks to WELS members throughout the synod for their prayers and financial donations to support the effort, to WELS Christian Aid and Relief, and to the Lord for the opportunity to show Christian love and to let our Christian light shine in our community."

Newly Elected Leaders

Ministry Council

Todd Buske- President
Nick Krueger- Vice President,
Prof. Joe Gumm- Secretary
Paul Musser- Treasurer

Board of Pastoral Ministry

Pastor Jeff Mittelstadt
Kevin Loersch
Dick MacWilliams

Board of Discipleship

Prof. Marty Pagel
Richard Goss
Prof. Tim Wrobel

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Richard Schoenike
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Kurt Bence

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Mark Klusken

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Dave Borth
Jacob Borth
Allen Genz

Board of Gifts and Talents

Nathan Grunwald
Gary Kurtz
Nick Lawrence

ROC Board

Bret Skaer

Lakeside General Board

Jeff Krueger
Joshua Uttech
Jim Waack

Rock River

OWLS



Our Program

- Meet monthly on the third Tuesday at 1:30 pm.
- Tour our area congregations.
- Share Bible devotions highlighting Christ's love for all.
- Hear informed speakers on topics of interest to seniors.
- Enjoy Christian fellowship and fun entertainment.
- Donate to the ministry of God's Word and visit those in need.

February's program

Feb. 18 - Immanuel - Farmington
Blue Butterfly Ministries
Pastor Dan Neumann



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This Month in Forward In Christ

- The cover article tells the story of a former atheist who finds a church home, a church mom, and salvation. Check out the article here with this QR code.
- As we struggle in life, it is sometimes hard to see God's love. Read how one man recounts how he witnessed God's love even through a cancer diagnosis and continued threat of disease.
- Understanding God's love can be difficult thing. We may even wonder how God can love sinners like us. Read the devotion that reminds us of how much love God freely gives us - so much that he gave up his Son.



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<https://online.nph.net/forwardinchrist>



The WELS anniversary logo helps us remember God's grace to our church body as the gospel of Christ has come to us and gone out through us for 175 years.
welshistoricalinstitute.org/175th/



My gift to WELS Christian Aid and Relief

Every year dozens of requests are received from congregations to help them assist their members in need. WELS Christian Aid and Relief coordinates disaster relief, like recent efforts to assist those impacted by hurricanes, personal relief grants, and humanitarian aid for people connected to WELS home and world missions.



Give online.

Scan the QR code with your phone's camera or visit wels.net/support.

*In heaven, the anxiety caused by time
will be forever forgotten.*



Blue Butterfly
MINISTRIES

2 E Main St. Watertown
bluebutterflythrift.org

The staff at Blue Butterfly would like to thank everyone for your continual support to our mission through your donations and purchases. During the bridge construction you may park in the 2nd St lot and enter through the back entrance. We are always looking for volunteers to help sort through the donations and keep the floor stocked with merchandise. Stop by and speak to one of the managers to learn more about the opportunities to help.

Christian Family Solutions is one of the organizations that Blue Butterfly supports through their income from sales. They are an independent, non-profit that provides professional Christian counseling. Recently Blue Butterfly made a \$75,000.00 donation to CFS, which serves area schools and congregations. It's through CFS that Bret Skaer is able to offer Christian counseling to students and families here at St Mark's, as well as other local schools. Thank you for your part in this donation.



Twice is Nice February 2025

Another year of God's grace!

With just shy of \$1.147 million in register sales in the 12 months of 2024, this 8.6% growth over our million-dollar year last year is all to God's glory! We can't thank God enough for all the volunteers, all the shoppers and all those who think of us when purging closets and basements. Your overwhelming generosity allowed us to be extra generous to Lakeside Lutheran as we gave more than \$950,000 to our teen mission in 2024 (including a special \$250K toward the beautiful building addition).

February Sales

All exercise clothing (adult & kids)
50% off Feb 1-15
All books & magazines Buy 1, Get 2 free! Feb 1-8
Valentine items 50% off February 8-14

Keep visiting us and finding those fantastic bargains. We're open 10-4 Monday through Saturday, and close only for major holidays and when Lakeside closes because of severe weather. We continue to accept donations at the back door from 10-3:30 any day we are open. We're at 907 W. Racine St in Jefferson, just a minute east from the Hwy 18 exit off the Hwy 26 bypass.

Volunteer: You are warmly invited to drop in anytime during store hours and ask for a tour to learn more about how you can help!



We are grateful for the volunteer efforts of our Good Stewards governing board members, including Chairman Jim Bublitz (St. John, Juneau), VP John Luedtke (St. John, Jefferson), Treasurer Jim Buelow (St. Paul, Lake Mills), Secretary Kimara Winters (St. Luke's, Watertown), Bruce Davis (St. Paul, Lake Mills), Beth Huber (St. Mark's, Watertown), Bob

Kuykendall (St. John, Jefferson), Lisa Wilson (St. John, Jefferson) and Dan Uttech (St. Luke's Watertown) as well as Pastoral Advisor Jim Werner (St. Mark's, Watertown). We are thankful for the time and efforts of those whose service on the board has ended, including Rachel Steindorf (St. Mark's, Watertown), Dan Behl (St. Paul, Ixonia) and Joel Ibeling (St. James, Cambridge). We continue to have many spots for new volunteer faces. We have the training and time slot you need to be a part of our team. Could you gather a couple friends from your congregation and volunteer for a day or more each month to receive or sort? Call 920-674-6868, ask for Megan.

CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF WELS



A synod is born

On Dec. 8, 1849, three Lutheran pastors, led by Johannes Muehlhaeuser, met at Grace Downtown in Milwaukee, Wis., and “recognized the need of a joint effort to

spread the kingdom of God for the Lutheran Church in Wisconsin.” Muehlhaeuser recalled, “Just as the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, so also was the very small beginning of our synod.” The synod adopted its constitution at its first official meeting on May 26, 1850, in Granville, Wisconsin.

The very first resolution in the synod’s history, made at the Dec. 8, 1849, meeting, stated: “That the synod which is to be founded bear the name ‘The First German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin’ and that this specific name and title remain with it forever.” There’s a story in the details:

- The synod was technically not “The First” since two other German Lutheran synods were already present in Wisconsin.
- The synod was “German” because its ministers came from Germany, spoke German, and sought to serve the large population of German immigrants who had no spiritual shepherds.
- The synod was “Evangelical” since it sought to make the proclamation of the gospel its chief endeavor.
- The synod was “Lutheran” because it sought primarily to serve churchless Lutherans and it followed the teachings of the Reformer Martin Luther.
- The synod was a “synod” (a Greek word that literally means “coming together”) because the pastors wanted to work together to accomplish more gospel ministry.
- The synod was “of Wisconsin” because all its leaders served people in Wisconsin. At that time, most states had Lutheran synods of their own, so the first generation primarily focused on one region within their means.

Much has changed since the synod’s mustard seed-like beginnings 175 years ago—including its name. Yet one thing remains clear: the Word of the Lord endures forever.

Less than \$51,000 left to repay!



FINISH THE RACE

St. Mark's borrowed nearly \$5 million in 2008 to expand and renovate our elementary school building. More than 200 of our sons and daughters learn the good news at school every day that Jesus died and rose for their sins and that they will live with him in glory one day soon.

Today, less than \$51,000 remains to be repaid on the mortgage loan.

More than 150 graduates of our school have become full-time Lutheran pastors or teachers. Fifty-nine of our members are in school this year at Seminary, MLC, Luther Prep or Lakeside, further preparing for lives as disciples for Jesus. Thousands more have heard the Gospel daily since our school opened way back in 1855.

The monthly mortgage bill is about \$17,000. But your gifts are helping us continue sprinting toward the finish line. Think of how much more ministry work we will be able to accomplish when we finish repaying this debt—in just a few months from now!

Moved by Christmas joy, St. Mark's members contributed \$21,079 toward the campaign in December 2024. Let's work together to Finish the Race! in Christ Jesus!



A Gift of Talents

We are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus, to do good works. Eph 2:10



Save the date:

March 29, 2025

Luther Preparatory School Gymnasium

5:00pm

Reserve your seats beginning February 1, 2025.

Sponsorships are open for purchase and some levels include tables.
Please see our Sponsorship Options for more information
and to purchase your sponsorship today!

You're Invited

Join hosts Pastor Dave and Ben Scharf for an elegant evening
celebrating the gifts and talents of our Luther Prep students!

New this year

Phoenix Art Auction displaying
over 20 original works of student art

Prep on Stage starring
student acts and performances

Recent Call News to and from your Lakeside Lutheran

- On Jan. 13, LLHS social studies teacher Mr. Cameron Ausen received a call from Arizona Lutheran Academy, Phoenix, to teach in their social studies department and coach.
- In December, **our math instructor Mr. Nick Trebesch** received, and in January, **returned a call** to serve as a math teacher and coach for boys basketball at West Lutheran High School in Plymouth, Minn.
- **Ms. Amanda Hoepfner ('05), currently teaching at Ripon High School, has accepted our call to return to her alma mater to teach art.**
- As of Jan. 17, Mrs. Amanda Gronholz (Our Savior, Grafton; English call) and Ms. Micah Nelson (KML; Spanish call) continue to deliberate the calls we sent them last month. Keep up with the current status at llhs.org/apps/pages/callnews





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Grand Event

LAKESIDE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL



Show, place and win with our 14th annual night of food, fun, fellowship and fund-raising for your Lakeside teen ministry!

Info on sponsorships, timing, pricing & more at llhs.org/grandevent or scan >



With a Kentucky Derby theme, plenty of people to meet and greet, displays and activities where you get to meet the teens your donations help to educate, encourage and equip for life and for eternity, this will be a win just by showing!

- 🌹 appetizing derby fare to taste and sip
 🌹 silent auctions
 🌹 student displays/interactions
 🌹 raffles
 🌹 dinner
 🌹 entertainment
 🌹 more!


Join in the fun by attending and/or pitching in!

1. Visit our auction website to purchase tickets and sponsorships: llhs.org/grandevent
2. Follow our Grand Event Facebook page for more updates @LLHS.GE
3. Auction items or baskets: Sign up below so we can plan for your donation. Items needed at Lakeside by March 3.
4. Don't want to do it yourself? Purchase items from our Amazon wish list (search for "Grand Event Donation")
5. Provide a dessert for our Dessert Dash! Email grandevent@llhs.org
6. Volunteer for pre-event set up or day-of support. Email grandevent@llhs.org

Attention church and school groups!

Our Grand Event committee asks you to build a basket for our auction this spring. So that we can promote them well to bidders, we're asking for baskets by March 3. We're happy to arrange a local pick up! Go to bit.ly/GEbaskets to sign up—choose from our basket suggestions, or make one from your own idea!






AMERICA'S & PUB QUIZ

SHARP FUN, NEVER FLAT!

Trivia Night with LLHS!
Saturday, February 8 • 7-10p
Lake Mills American Legion

\$25/ea for 6 rounds, appetizers, prizes, raffles & great student music performances!
(2-6 person teams - fams & kids encouraged to join)

RSVP by 2/1



Register yourself or a team at (or scan QR!)

llhs.org/apps/form/mpotriviannight25

Support our LLHS music department on Sat, February 8 (7-10p) at the downtown Lake Mills American Legion Hall. \$25/person buys appetizers, soft drinks, trivia sessions & more (cash bar). Families and kids are welcome! Sign up before 2/1.

Teams of 2-6 people compete on a potpourri of categories, including music, movies, TV, sports, history, and more. The well-known trivia program has enough categories and surprises along the way to "give all team members their strong subject and ensure that the useless knowledge stored away will finally be put to good use." 6 trivia rounds, halftime and final question | prizes | raffles | student music. A fun time out to support Warrior musicians!



ANOTHER PATH TO PASTORING

My gift to the Pastoral Studies Institute

The Pastoral Studies Institute (PSI) of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary exists to walk with kingdom-committed spiritual leaders worldwide.

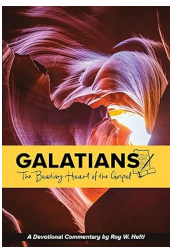


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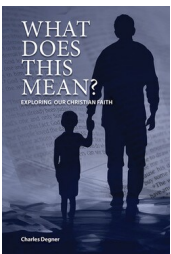
New Winter Reads from NPH

Find something new to read from Northwestern Publishing House



Galatians: The Beating Heart of the Gospel

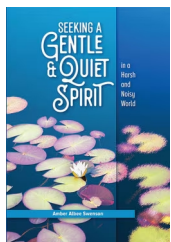
God did what it took to make sure you understand the beating heart of his gospel message—the core meaning of the good news about Jesus—as it is presented in the book of Galatians. Through this engaging and easy-to-read devotional commentary on Galatians which draws directly from the Holy Bible: Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV), Pastor Roy Hefti reveals what God wants you to know with absolute certainty.



God, Where's My Hope?

God, Where's My Hope? is geared especially toward families with grade school children. It will also be a blessing for any Christian's spiritual growth because it guides you through the truths of Scripture in a structured, easy-to-follow manner.

These 365 brief, interactive devotions—based on the questions in the most recent edition of Luther's Catechism—will prepare students for catechism class and prepare believers of all ages for a life of faith.



Seeking a Gentle and Quiet Spirit

This twelve-lesson women's Bible study book will challenge and encourage readers to pursue the unfading beauty described in 1 Peter chapter 3 while facing the varied land mines that our modern culture places in the Christian woman's paths.

Daylight: Travel, Ministry, Fun!



Who wouldn't like a little more sunshine in January? This J-Term, students got lots of sunshine—and shared the light of the gospel!—while on Daylight mission trips.

1: Christmas in California

Seven students volunteered at Ascension-Escondido CA: **Hans Boeder** (MVL / Ascension-Escondido CA), **Marissa Buege** (LPS / Victory of the Lamb-Katy TX), **Isaiah Carlovsky** (MVL / St. Paul-New Ulm MN), **Eva Doebler** (CLHS / King of Kings-Garden Grove CA), **Matteah Gehl** (FVL / Cross of Christ-Kingman AZ), **Lindsay Hatton** (Menomonee Falls HS-WI / Bethlehem-Germantown WI), and **Charis Headrick** (LPS / Christ Alone-Thiensville WI). They invited neighborhood kids to a Christmas for Kids event and then ran it the next day.

“It was such a blessing seeing how engaged kids were,” said Matteah, “and how eager they were to learn about God’s Word.”

2: Mission Work in Mexico

Jacob Gabb (LPS / St. Matthew-Oconomowoc WI) and **Maddie Liebert** (FVL / St. John-Appleton WI) presented a week-long vacation Bible school in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

“We were reminded of the importance of bringing the gospel to *all* nations,” Maddie said, “and providing for the physical and spiritual needs of God’s children.”

Daylight trips really make a difference—to the congregations and to MLC students! That’s why we encourage all students to take a Daylight trip sometime while they’re at MLC. They might lead a VBS, coach at a sports Bible camp, teach music lessons, assist at worship, lend humanitarian aid, and more.

Where might you like to go?

St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 6PM Worship Service
2 7:30, 9, 10:45AM Worship Services 8:45 & 10:30AM Bible Class (MP) 10:30AM Kids 4 Christ 6:30PM Spanish Worship	3 5:30PM Communion 6PM Worship Service 6:30PM Girl Pioneers	4 Noon - Let's Do Lunch 7PM BIC Class	5 2:30PM 6th & 7th Grade Catechism 5:30PM Pre Communion Class 7PM Worship Service	6 9AM & 4PM God's Word in Great Detail 1:00 PM Ladies Aid 7PM Pre Communion Class 7PM Chorale Rehearsal	7	8 6PM Worship Service
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Charter Cable 985 Sundays at 1PM (previous week's) Mondays at 11AM & 6PM