

Sunday Services

@ 9:00 a.m.

Monday Services

@ 6:30 p.m.

Adult Bible Study
Recessed for summer

Pray & Play

Tuesdays

3:00-4:30 p.m.

Ladies Aid

3rd at 1:00 p.m.

Co-ord. Council

10th @ 6:30 p.m.

Worship at the Cross

12th @ 5:30 p.m.

Youth & Family

Bowling

14th @ 11:00-1:00

At Lakeshore Lanes

Community Outreach

His Way Band, Pie

Social

15th @ 2:00 p.m.

Endowment Fund Mtg.

16th @ 4:30 p.m.

Communications Mtg.

17th @ 1:00 p.m.

Food Pantry

Thursday 8/5 & 8/26

1:00- 3:00 p.m.

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MESSENGER – August 2021

Dress yourself with...Compassion

Every so often our news will carry a story about a school struggling with the question of going to mandatory uniforms. It's easy to understand the logic. Some of the most respected people in our society are those who wear uniforms.

Proponents of school uniforms could probably produce studies that show that students are more likely to respect themselves and each other when wearing uniforms, too.

On the other hand, we also hear stories about people bringing disgrace to the uniforms they wear: criminal charges against professional ballplayers, corruption in police departments, and sexual abuse by clergy. Examples such as these indicate that just putting on a uniform does not make a person better.

Listen to the apostle Paul describe a different kind of clothing: "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience" (Colossians 3:12).

Notice that Paul isn't just describing a change in outward appearances. Nor is he suggesting that we can somehow will ourselves into better behavior.

We don't earn the right to wear the clothes Paul describes. They come from being loved by God.

It all starts with the compassion Jesus had that moved him to lay down his life for the world.

Believing that Jesus loved us enough to die for us is what makes us one of his people. It also is what produces a change in our attitude.

As God's dearly loved people, we want to reflect the kind of compassion Jesus showed. That is something that will be as plain to see as any uniform.

Real changes in our lives won't happen just because we put on a district-mandated or color-coordinated outfit. That clothing just changes us on the outside. The inner change begins when we are clothed with God's love.

We hope you will visit us soon to learn more about God's great compassion.

Parish News

Congregational Changes last month:

Added: None

Baptism(s): None

Released/Transferred: Tyler Smith, Jeffrey Wellhoefer

Called Home to Jesus: None

Current Congregational Stats: communicants: 152 souls: 165

Remember Your Leaders

⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁷ Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

¹⁸ Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. (Hebrews 13:7-8, 17-18)

This portion of Scripture recently served as one of our readings in a service. It was a service focused on having good, Godly leaders over God's flock. There was a strong emphasis that the shepherds God uses to tend his flock live and teach according to his will. This, coupled with sharing the true message of Scripture, is an amazing blessing, but can also be taxing on us pastors and other leaders in the church.

Of course, we must speak the Law as needed, but praise God, we also must speak the Gospel! And not only that, we must live according to it, too! As leaders, we are called especially to **be above reproach**. (1 Timothy 3:2) This is difficult at times, because just like all of you, every one of us is also a sinner.

But, also like every one of you, we have heard God's call to repent and to know the full righteousness that Christ has made ours! We rejoice in the work God has called us to do and take pleasure in the life he has called us to live.

And note Paul's encouragement to you, the flock, that helps us to joyfully carry out our duties. ¹⁷ **Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.** We pray that our work will always be a joy. And it usually is. It's a wonderful blessing to have the opportunity to serve you, to work with you, and to grow with you in faith.

As I and other pastors carry out the work God has in store for us, we ask that you would continue to pray for us. Pray for our well-being, both physical and spiritual. Pray for the work we do. Pray for that we may always find joy in service to God.

In Christian love,
Pastor Wolf B. Parsons

At the Semi-Annual Voters Meeting on July 18, 2021, the Coordinating Council presented our new Wish List Policy and the accompanying “Request for Wish List Items” form to the congregation. (Please see your meeting packet for those documents.) Below is a list of Frequently Asked Questions that may help address any questions you have about the use of the newly implemented Wish List. This will be posted on the bulletin board with the Wish List when it is first printed.

Wish List Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q1: How do I submit something to be considered for the wish list?

A1: There is a “Request for Wish List Items” form available to fill out with the appropriate details. This form is then submitted to the Church Office Secretary, who will present it to the Coordinating Council for consideration.

Q2: Where can I find the “Request for Wish List Items” form, and where do I submit completed forms?

A2: Request forms are available in the Church Office. You can obtain them from the Church Office Secretary or from Pastor if you are unsure where to find them. Completed forms will be submitted to the Church Office Secretary, who will then present them to the Coordinating Council.

Q3: What information should be included on the “Request for Wish List Items” form?

A3: The form is fairly self-explanatory. It includes areas to list the items for consideration, their purpose, the responsible person or committee who is submitting the request, and the cost (if known). Anyone or any committee submitting a request should include at least an estimated cost if able to determine in advance.

Q4: What if I need help filling out the “Request for Wish List Items” form?

A4: The Church Office Secretary and Pastor are available to help complete the form.

Q5: Will I be notified after the Coordinating Council considers my request for the Wish List?

A5: Yes! The person listed as the “Contact Person” on the Request Form will be notified with the Council’s response. If approved, the item(s) will also be added to the Wish List. If not approved, the Council may suggest an alternative or simply deny the request with an explanation for that decision.

Q6: How will I know what is on the current Wish List?

A6: The Wish List will be updated (as needed) or at least 3 times a year (every four months). When it is updated, it will be printed in the newsletter. A current printed copy will also remain on the bulletin board in the hallway, available year-round.

Q7: How long will items be listed on the Wish List?

A7: Items or projects on the Wish List may include a “Complete by” date. That would be the preferred deadline for receiving funding. If there is not a “Complete by” date listed, the item will remain on the Wish List until it is fully funded or removed for other considerations.

Q8: What if I wish to fully or partially fund an item on the Wish List?

A8: Approach the Church Office Secretary or Pastor and let them know what you would like to fund, as well as whether you hope to cover the full cost or partial cost. If the item you wish to fund was recently funded in full, you will be notified, and a suggestion for another item may be made to you. If an item receives partial funding and has a remaining balance, the Wish List will be updated with the remaining balance. If the item has not already been fully funded, your request will immediately be accepted, as the item on the Wish List has already received pre-approval for funding.

Q9: Is the process different if I wish to suggest an item for the Wish List but also wish to provide the full funding needed for it?

A9: A little. If you wish to fully fund an item that you are presenting at that time, you can submit that request using the “Request for Wish List Items” form. Indicate that you wish to fully fund it if it receives approval. If granted, you will be notified. The item will not be printed on the Wish List because it will already have received its necessary funds.

Q10: Can something on the Wish List be listed as a memorial (i.e. in memory of)?

A10: Generally, the Wish List items will not be listed as a memorial. However, it can be presented to the Coordinating Council to be considered as such. If approved, that will be listed with the item on the Wish List. If you wish to present and fully fund something as a memorial, please indicate that on the “Request for Wish List Items” form.

If there are any other questions, please ask the Church Office Secretary or Pastor. If we are unable to answer right away, then we will find the answer for you.

(Updated 26 July 2021)

YOUR AUGUST COUNCIL CONNECTION

GENERAL – MR. RANDY KAGERBAUER, PRESIDENT

At our July meeting, the Council voted to use up to \$4,500 from the Memorials Fund to implement upgrades to our AV Booth (sound and recording systems) because much of our current equipment is outdated and problematic when trying to upload church services to our website and YouTube etc. We will be using Northern Sound & Video out of Green Bay for the purchase and installation. They are the same company that installed the current system years ago. Details were presented at the July 18th semi-annual voters meeting.

I think everyone would agree that building security in this day and age is very important. To that end the Council has approved a “Church Key Policy” that we will put into effect immediately. Basically, the policy ensures that only those who need regular access to the building are issued keys and those key assignments are registered in the church office. If someone no longer requires regular access to the building, the key will be recalled. A combination “key lockbox” has been installed in the garbage enclosure outside the north (parking lot) entrance for those who only need occasional access to the building. The access code is available from pastor or the church secretary. Details were presented at the July 18th semi-annual voters meeting.

ELDERS (WORKING WITH PASTOR) – MR. KEN KUESTER, HEAD ELDER

- **Shut-in members** – those who are unable to regularly attend worship due to extenuating circumstances.
- **Delinquent members** – those who have been absent from worship for at least six weeks with no contact and/or no regular worship attendance.
- **Members with special circumstances** – such as adult children of members who also are members but may not be in the area.

If you notice that someone has been away from church for a while, please encourage them to worship or contact pastor.

CHURCH PROPERTY – MR. PAT ZOELLER, COUNCILMAN

Several damaged or worn spots on the rubber roof have been repaired. The Council approved contracting with Knope Heating of Shawano for spring and fall maintenance of our furnaces and air conditioners. This will ensure that the investment we have in this equipment will give us the longest possible worry-free service.

We lost a tree on the front lawn of the church, (on Northridge Drive), during the Monday July 26th storm. Removal and clean up was completed by the end of that week.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP – DR. JOHN DAHLIE, COUNCILMAN

The Mission Festival pot luck was attended by nearly 40 people. The latest dining out experience was on Wednesday July 21st at Luigi's. Twenty-seven people attended and enjoyed great food and fellowship. Future dates and places will be announced in the future. Due to many events already scheduled for August, the committee decided to wait until September for the next Dining Out date.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP – MR. AARIN REISSING, COUNCILMAN

We had a great response for our family camping night on July 9th & 10th with 21 attendants enjoying the experience. Coming up on August 14th at 11:00am, we're hosting a Youth and Family Bowling and Pizza Party at Lakeshore Lanes (Airport Road).

OUTREACH COMMITTEE – MR. KLINT STUEBS, COUNCILMAN

The new Banner arrived in time for our July parades. The Gresham Parade on July 3rd went very well with 7 members helping distribute candy and fliers. The Bonduel Parade on July 4th was warm but went very well also. We distributed almost 1,000 flyers promoting our church and gave out a lot of candy. Special thanks to our church members and over a dozen of Sally Schuette's family members for making Bonduel fun and successful. If you haven't helped in a parade, you're missing out on fellowship and fun. There was another parade in Embarrass on Saturday July 31st.

A Community Concert and Pie Social is planned for Sunday August 15th from 2:00-4:00pm. The concert will feature His Way Band. Plan to attend and help make people in our community feel welcome at Divine Savior!

News Bits and Pieces

Cash Carryover Distribution Approved

Voting members of the congregation attending the July 18 Semi-Annual Meeting adopted a resolution to distribute \$26,500 among 11 different ministries, agencies, and programs. An additional \$4,936.17 will be held in reserve for possible future distributions when opportunities become known.

Money for the distributions had been set aside in the Cash Carryover Account and was the total of unused Unified contributions from 2019 and 2020. The Church Coordinating Council, responding to the voters' directive in the Annual Meeting, presented the list of 11 potential recipients for the surplus funds.

The special donations, ranging in size from \$1,000 up to \$5,000, will go to WELS Congregational Mission Offering (CMO); Martin Luther College Congregational Partner Program (for student assistance); Luther Prep (for tuition assistance); Camp Phillip; East Fork Lutheran Schools; Fox Valley Lutheran High School (for "Let the Children Come" building debt retirement); Kingdom Workers; Institutional Ministries; Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS); Central Africa Medical Mission; and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Scholarship Fund. (Brief descriptions of each of these are available in the Semi-Annual Meeting packet of reports.)

The decision to use surplus monies from Unified contributions was based on the belief that members expect their Unified offerings to be used for church work and not to remain parked in a bank account. By distributing these funds to the variety of recipients that have been selected, a wide range of church work will be supported.

A not-to-be-overlooked portion of the Cash Carryover Disbursement resolution called for thanking "our gracious Lord for providing the financial resources that we can use to support the work of the Christ-centered ministries carried out by the agencies" that were selected.

Dining Out at Luigi's

Twenty-seven members participated in the latest dining out experience held at Luigi's on Wednesday,

July 21. Scheduled at 4:30 to get an early start on the dinner hour crowd, Divine Savior diners were a crowd in themselves. Since all persons were able to order their own preferences from the menu, everyone could enjoy a favorite meal.

During the approximately two-hours that the group was together, jovial and animated conversations could be overheard. And, when it was learned that John and Kathy Dahlie's 44th wedding anniversary was that day, the assembly broke into a spontaneous rendition of "Happy Anniversary" that would have made the choir director cringe. Nevertheless, it was "the spirit of the thing."

What Is CAMM?

The Central Africa Medical Mission (CAMM) was born when early missionaries in Central Africa asked WELS members to help with a ministry that would meet the humanitarian needs of the people.

Snatches from a recent CAMM report state: "From the beginning, this visible expression of Christian compassion made a profound impact. These strange foreigners who were talking about love were providing much-needed care for children and the vulnerable in the community. An audience gathered, and the missionaries went to work. God's Word was shared. Baptisms took place. Churches grew.

"At that time, statistics showed that in the areas being served by CAMM, between 13 and 23 percent of children never reached the age of five. In some areas as many as 40 percent of the children were severely malnourished.

"Over the past 60 years God has given CAMM the opportunity to provide people with physical care in the name of Jesus approximately three million times. The CAMM clinics in Malawi and Zambia serve all of the medical needs short of hospitalization for close to 50,000 people.

"As CAMM assists with physical needs, they are also caring for people's spiritual needs. The CAMM clinics have been built to look like churches...there are daily devotions at all clinic sites." (DRF)

Selections from WELS TOGETHER

Amazing Blessings

By WELS President Mark Schroeder
From TOGETHER, JULY 20, 2021

God's people of our synod provided faith-filled gifts in support of the mission we carry out together. Fiscal year 2021 ended with an incredible month of June. Total Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) for the month was \$1.82 million, which is 1.6% higher than June 2020. This was \$191,000 more than the amount that congregations had committed.

On a calendar year-to-date basis through June 2021 (6 months), total CMO was \$10.3 million, up 8.9% (\$846,000) over the prior year and 7.2% (\$697,000) over projected receipts.

On a fiscal year-to-date basis through June 2021 (full year of 12 months), total CMO is \$22.59 million, up 5.4% (\$1,160,000) over the prior year (\$21.4 million for FY20). This is the first time that fiscal year CMO exceeded \$22 million, the largest fiscal year total for CMO in the synod's history.

These results, a wonderful blessing from God, are encouraging news as we look to seize the many new opportunities that God is placing before us.

A sincere thank you to the members and congregations of our synod for your gifts of faith and love.

WELS Humanitarian Aid Grants

From TOGETHER, JULY 20, 2021

WELS Christian Aid and Relief announced it has approved \$470,882 for humanitarian aid projects in WELS mission fields throughout the United States and worldwide for fiscal year 2021-22.

Projects are developed by WELS home and world missionaries, who continually look for opportunities to serve hurting people in their communities with ongoing basic needs, like food, clothing, shelter, and medical care. Rev. Daniel Sims, director of WELS Christian Aid and Relief, says, "When our missionaries can assist people in this way, it also helps to build trust and leads to many opportunities to then share the life-changing news of the gospel."

The humanitarian aid granted through WELS Christian Aid and Relief takes many forms, including providing smokeless stoves to safely heat homes in Asia, medical clinics, assistance for legal immigrants, vocational training, and backpacks and school supplies for underprivileged kids.

One of the most recent aid projects was supporting the digging of five boreholes in Zambia to provide clean and safe drinking water. "Here in the United States, we take fresh drinking water for granted, but in Africa access to fresh, clean water is often severely limited," says Sims. "These boreholes, which are often built near our churches, provide our missionaries a point of contact and an opportunity to talk to people about Jesus. The care and compassion shown by the gift of the borehole means that many are more willing to listen."

Sims continues to be thankful for God's blessings on these projects, which are supported through the generosity of God's people. "Even though our ministry is not part of the synodical budget, we are able to carry out this vital ministry of compassion. God's people, moved by his love, are generous."

WELS members can support the work of WELS Christian Aid and Relief through prayers and offerings. In addition to humanitarian aid grants, the organization also provides disaster relief and medical financial emergency grants to people in need.

Taste It, You Might Like It

An article in the July 6 *TOGETHER* reported that the **Taste of Missions** event would run from July 11 through 17. During that time there were to be multiple live events for people to view online. Many of those events have been archived and will remain available on the website for viewing for the rest of this year.

If you have even a little curiosity, log on to [tasteofmissions.com](https://www.tasteofmissions.com), you might like what you can find there. "Taste and see!" (DRF)

AUGUST 2021

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