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Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

MBC – Thursday,
10:00 a.m.

BIC – Wednesday,
3:00 p.m.

Wednesday Lenten Services
7:00 p.m.



I Need More... **GOOD NEWS**

Indeed we live in frazzled and frustrated times. Just turn on the nightly news. So frequently we are given reports of events that have devastated property and lives, are told about individuals that have deviated from law and order, and hear of other stories that definitely dampen our spirits. On a regular basis, most of the news is not good news, and a depressed sigh first finds solace in the silence of a turned-off television.

Turns out, though, that we don't have to turn on a TV to know that; we don't even need to be near it. As our consciences rerun the past, we see where our own deviations have had a

devastating impact and, as a direct result, our spirits are dampened and depressed. Even life-long Christians feel the sting of past sins as their consciences cry a guilty testimony. That's the "news" we know by nature. That's God's Law on sinful hearts, and that's why stricken hearts crave more good news.

The calm to the craving is not attained by turning off; we get it by tuning in. The answer is not in blocking out God's Word or dulling our consciences by making poor excuses. The solution is still found in what God's good news says to every individual—even to you and to me. The calm, the promise, the solution remains the message of the gospel! Hearts are calmed at the message of Christ for us! And it's in that message the Apostle Paul, a very real sinner, would have sinners still take comfort and confidence. As he lifted Timothy's eyes and heart to the grace of the cross, so he lifts ours: "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst" (1 Timothy 1:16).

Craving more good news? Forgiven sinner, tune in to the Savior who carried your every sin! See him in his Word! Redeemed believer, tune in to the gospel—God's good news that quiets sin's accusations! Hear that saving message! Beloved child of God, tune in to the trustworthy message of the Bible and let your heart sigh with thanksgiving.

Jesus came to save sinners. Jesus came to save you! That's the good news! Crave it. Enjoy it. And stay tuned in!



**From
Pastor
Kunde**

Changing World – Changeless Christ

You are noticing a number of changes in our monthly newsletter, Word of Grace (WOG). We have gone to a full page format to make it easier for those reading the newsletter on the website or from email – as well as smart phone. Thanks to Deb Canute, you can also now access our church’s website from your smart phone using the code indicated below

Scan this QR Code to access Grace’s website.



Grace Website QR Code

This code takes the user to our Grace Lutheran Church website.

Scan this image with your smart phone to access the Grace Lutheran Church website. Then you can download sermons, the Word of Grace and even find a WELS church near you. This image can also be added to brochures, flyers or any printed materials that we use for canvasses, publicity, Rail Road Days, Fourth of July, etc. It may even be added to church bulletins for our members to use. It's a new and innovative way to encourage traffic to our website and a great way to spread the Gospel message through sermons and WOG posted on our web site.

With all this change, however, one thing remains changeless. The writer to the Hebrews reminds us: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). Jesus does not change. Jesus still loves us. Jesus demonstrated his love for us by his suffering and death on the cross. Jesus’ resurrection assures us that all of our sins have been forgiven. The Holy Spirit uses the message of Jesus to work faith in our hearts as well as in the hearts of others.

We hope and pray that the changes in technology will help us to bring the message of Jesus to others.

Pastor A. J. Kunde

**OPEN FORUM
SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD**



Pastor Kunde, Mr. Rick Crego, Chairman of the Congregation, and Mr. Ken Kirkman, Chairman of the Board of Elders have scheduled a meeting for Sunday, March 3rd following worship. The meeting will take place in the nave. Both men and women are invited to participate. A review of where Grace congregation is now and where, with the blessing of the Holy Spirit, we would like to be in five years or so. Two questions will then be presented for discussion: 1) What blessings might there be from joint ministries with other circuit congregations? 2) What concerns might there be from joint ministries with other circuit congregations. A potluck will follow this meeting.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Kirkman".

The Season of Lent

Lent is a forty-day period before Easter. Lent begins Ash Wednesday (this year, February 13th) and ends the day before Easter. Ash Wednesday is always the seventh Wednesday before Easter.

Lent is a season of reflection and repentance. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the church as a preparatory time for Easter. Converts were instructed in the Christian faith during the forty days of Lent. The Gospel Lesson for the first Sunday in Lent concerns Jesus being tempted in the wilderness for forty days. Jesus resisted temptation by using the Word of God. Jesus' perfect resisting of temptation has been credited to all people. Christians likewise are to imitate Jesus, using God's Word to resist the temptations of the devil, the world and the sinful nature.



Ross Bannister
Elder

Are You Ready to Go Over the Cliff?



Cliffs in Etretat, France

Cliffs have had a fascination with people throughout all ages. Spectacular cliffs are found on every continent in the world. They provide enjoyable viewing, challenging sites for climbers, and sometimes, threats of physical harm or even death. Cliffs are the object of many pictures, paintings, poems, books, songs, plays, and movies. We read about them early in the Bible as in 2 Chronicles 25:12: “The army of Judah also captured ten thousand men alive, took them to the top of a cliff and threw them down so that all were dashed to pieces”; and in Psalm 141:6: “Their rulers will be thrown down from the cliffs, and the wicked will learn that my Words were well spoken.” In both cases, the cliff is portrayed as a source of harm or destruction.

The word “cliff” has become used metaphorically in our modern day language as something that is seriously threatening, and most recently we have heard of the “economic cliff” that threatens the United States if “we go over it.” There has been much reporting on both the consequences and possible actions to be taken to avoid the alleged dive over the cliff (now renamed “the sequester”), but we all will be able to define and observe the outcome in the future.

Christians know from God’s Word that a much more serious cliff threatens all mankind. That cliff is Judgment Day. The threat is the fall into eternal damnation, caused by sin that entered the world through Adam and Eve, and there is no action by man himself to avoid the threat. However, by God’s Grace, we have the promise of surviving the “cliff” and enjoying eternal life in Heaven. This promise was made possible by the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, and we are regularly strengthened in our faith in this promise through God’s Word and the Sacraments. We are particularly strengthened at this time of the year during Lent, when Jesus “went over the cliff” for us, and ending this month with Easter, the celebration of His Resurrection.



Gethsemane by Marsani

So encouraged, we can face the various temporal cliffs we are confronted with, whether it is the fiscal cliff, personal and family cliffs, or the cliff of death itself. We are reassured by Psalm 55:22, “Cast your cares on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.” Further, relief of the concern for our own cliffs should prompt us to point others, through God’s Word, to cope with their cliffs with the promise of eternal life through Jesus, particularly during this Lent and Easter observances, as we read in 2 Corinthians 5:15: “And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”

We can, with our time, talent, and treasure, empowered by the Word and the Sacraments, do this by (1) talking to our family and friends; (2) supporting joint congregational activity in our worship and witnessing; (3) support of our Synod outreach through missions and worker training. We have an ambitious congregational plan outlined for the 2013 year for outreach with canvasses, float and informational booth activities. Specifically this month, we have a canvass scheduled for March 23rd, followed by a reaching-out Children’s Easter Event on March 30th. We would appreciate your help and participation. If you have other ideas for helping others deal with their cliffs in life through faith in Jesus, let us know; we look forward to your response!



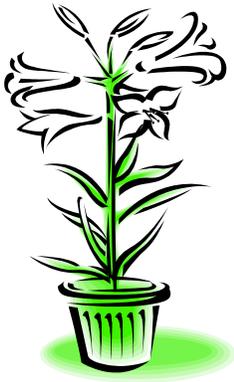
Edward Stadler
Board of Outreach



**LENTEN
SERVICE
SCHEDULE**

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Services	Meal 6:00 p.m.
Mar 6 th	Kirkmans
Mar 13 th	Bannisters
Mar 20 th	Canutes



SIGNUP SHEETS for Easter Lilies and Easter Breakfast are on the Credenza in the Narthex.



Holy Week

The last Wednesday Midweek Lenten Service will be on March 20th, 7:00 p.m. With the following Sunday, Palm Sunday, March 24th, we enter Holy Week.

Services on Holy Week begin on Thursday, March 28th. This day is known as Maundy Thursday. The term “Maundy” comes from the Latin word *mandatum*. Our English word “mandate” comes from that Latin word. A mandate is a command.

On Maundy Thursday, Jesus gave two commands. He told his disciples, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another” (John 13:34). Jesus summarized his love for his disciples as well as for all of us, when he said, “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13). Jesus would show his love for us by laying down his life for us on the cross. As Jesus loved us, so also we are to love one another.

The second command Jesus gave on Maundy Thursday was a set of two commands. St. Paul summarizes these two commands when he writes,

²³ ... The LORD Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me” (1 Corinthians 11:23b-25).

Jesus’ two commands are connected with this LORD’s Supper, or Holy Communion: “Take eat, this is my body”; “take drink this is my blood.” Thus, it is that in, with and under bread and wine, the communicant also receives the true body and true blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins.

In our observance of Holy Week, we will have a communion service on Maundy Thursday evening, March 28th, 7:00 p.m. We will also have a service on the next day, Good Friday.

It was at 6:00 a.m. on that first Good Friday, that Jesus was brought by the Jews to Pontius Pilate the Roman Governor. The Jews wanted Jesus to be crucified, but they could not do that themselves. Under Roman law, only the Romans could sentence a person to death.

Pontius Pilate soon learned that the Jews had brought Jesus to him because they were jealous. He concluded that Jesus was innocent. Nevertheless, because the Jews were pressuring him and because the people were on the brink of riot, Pilate gave in to the Jews and ordered that Jesus be crucified.

Jesus was crucified at 9:00 a.m. and hung on the cross till 3:00 p.m. He spoke seven words or phrases from the cross at that time. Our Good Friday service will review those seven words of Jesus spoken from the cross. The Good Friday service begins at 7:00 p.m. The following Sunday is Easter.

Easter Sunday celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Several women saw Jesus alive. Jesus appeared to Peter. Jesus appeared to two disciples who were on their way to Emmaus. Jesus appeared on Easter Sunday evening to all of the disciples were gathered together behind closed and locked doors. Over a

period of forty day, Jesus appeared to believers numerous times. Our celebration of Easter Sunday, March 31st, will be in a 10:00 a.m. service. An Easter breakfast will be available at 9:00 a.m. Please invite your friends, relatives, acquaintances, neighbors and co-workers to join you for these Holy Week services.

Pastor A. J. Kunde

Prior to the beginning of Holy Week described above, Grace Lutheran Church of Durand plans to conduct a canvass of a portion of Durand. The canvass will take place on Saturday, March 23rd. Canvassers are asked to meet in the church's Conference Room at 9:30 for organization and assignments. There is no special training needed for canvassing. All of our members are encouraged to participate.

One of the pieces of information that will be shared during the canvass, will be that Grace intends to sponsor a "Kids Easter Event" on the Saturday before Easter, March 30th. Children of the community are invited to participate. The times will be 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. This "Kid Easter Event" will review what happened to Jesus beginning on Maundy Thursday through Good Friday and into Easter Sunday morning with Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Members of the congregation will be asked to help with this event.

Pastor A. J. Kunde

EMV

At the last convention of our Wisconsin Synod, it was recommended that every congregation of our synod conduct an "Every Member Visit" (EMV). The purpose of the EMV is to encourage members to attend worship regularly and to be generous in their stewardship.

There are several aspects of stewardship. One of the aspects is treasure – money. The other aspects are time and talent. A fourth aspect is testimony – taking advantage of the opportunities God gives us to tell others his Word. Pastor Kunde and the Elders will be attempting to make these visits. Please have in mind a time that they can come by your home for such a visit.

Pastor A. J. Kunde



Congregation Mission Offering update

We are thankful to the Lord of the church for moving our members to provide generous support for the mission of the synod in 2012. Including congregations that had made Congregation Mission Offering (CMO) commitments and estimates for congregations that did not submit a commitment, planning estimates expected congregations to provide \$20,462,000. The actual gifts from congregations totaled \$21,226,000. This means

that congregations gave \$764,000 more than estimates. This represents a 3.5% increase in actual gifts over the previous year. This outpouring of gifts is remarkable given the current economy. It's another beautiful example of the power of the Gospel at work in the hearts of God's people.

CMO commitments have now been received for 2013 from 1,189 of 1,256 congregations (95%). These commitments, together with estimates of gifts from the congregations that did not submit a commitment, total \$20,786,000. This total represents a 2% decrease from what was actually received in 2012. In order for the synod to carry out its ministry according to financial plans, the actual gifts provided in 2013 will need to exceed commitments, similar to what happened in 2012. It is our fervent prayer that this will be the case.

Synodical Council considers offer for Mayfair property

The synod has received an offer on the office property located on Mayfair Road in Milwaukee. The Synodical Council will consider this offer at its upcoming meeting later this week. If the offer is accepted, there will be a 45-day period of "due diligence" in which the buyer can still withdraw from the contract without penalty, so the signing of a contract does not guarantee a final sale. While the sale likelihood increases with time after contract signing, the sale will not be completed until closing or approximately 70 days after the contract is signed.

In the meantime, the synod is still free to entertain other offers on the Mayfair property. It will also keep the Waukesha building on the market until a sale of the Mayfair property is finalized.



President Mark Schroeder

Serving in Christ

Home Missions funding helps Hispanic ministry



With the help of Home Missions funding, Grace, Yakima, Wash., has called a bilingual Spanish-speaking pastor, Rev. David Salinas, to reach out into its changing community. Salinas, who was installed on Jan. 20, joins the congregation's other pastor, Rev. James Turriff.

Started in 1905, Grace was one of the larger congregations in the Pacific Northwest District. But the congregation has aged, and its neighborhood has changed—it's now about 75 percent Hispanic. Turriff says that when he took the call to Grace almost six years ago, he saw this new opportunity for outreach. "We have footholds already," he says. "We have a congregation that is located in a community that it demographically makes sense to try to get into."

While Turriff and the congregation tried to make inroads into the community through opening up their facility for community use, coordinating monthly food distribution, and holding English conversation classes, they could only get so far. "While we provided opportunities for people to come in the front door of our congregation, we didn't have anyone here who could do a law/gospel presentation [in Spanish]," he says. "We couldn't take it to another level."

With Home Missions funding for the next three years, the congregation—through Salinas—now has the opportunity to share that gospel message to the community in its heart language—Spanish. Salinas is helping the current congregation to realize these outreach opportunities. He is also “hitting the streets,” building friendships, and letting the community know what Grace has to offer. He says he is planning to resurrect the English-as-a-second-language courses at the church and promote the school to the Hispanic community.

“Under normal circumstances, if a church was going to do Spanish outreach or outreach in a multicultural setting, the pastor would pick up some of the language and do the work,” says Salinas. “What is unique about this is that I’m called by Grace to be their missionary.”

Rev. Tim Flunker, WELS national Hispanic consultant, says that overlapping the two pastoral calls for a limited time allows a congregation to try a new ministry without hurting its existing one. “Instead of asking the current man who may not be able to handle the language changes to [take a call] and replace him with a bilingual pastor, we’ve encouraged the Board for Home Missions to consider overlapping the men so you don’t have a suspension of English ministry, but you have the addition and creation of cross-cultural ministry at the same time,” says Flunker. After three years, Home Missions will be re-evaluating Grace’s ministry to determine if having both positions is still financially feasible.

Flunker says Grace is not alone in its situation. “I’m convinced that 800 to 900 of our 1,200 congregations should be doing this type of [multicultural] outreach,” he says. While these congregations might not all need a second pastor, Flunker feels a growing number could gain from this type of “limited engagement” ministry.

Grace is one of seven mission-minded congregations that was granted subsidy support from Home Missions in the spring of 2012. Turriff, who is on the Pacific Northwest district mission board, says he hopes Grace can serve as an example for other congregations on how to partner with Home Missions. “We’re in a place where we’re not going to have to devote time, effort, and energy to a building project,” he says. “Really all the time, effort, and energy can be devoted to building the church at large, to find some of those living stones.”

Hein accepts CCC call



Rev. Jonathan Hein has accepted the call to serve as the first director of the Commission on Congregational Counseling, one of the seven commissions in the Congregation and Ministry Support Group.

“I am honored that you would ask me to serve my church in this capacity,” he writes. “I know that ‘our competence comes from God’ and pray that he would give me the gifts and strength to carry out this call in a manner that benefits his Kingdom.”

This commission, formed in 2010 by the Conference of Presidents, provides short-term assessment and advice for congregations seeking to find ways to improve their ministry. As director, Hein will be responsible for developing resources for training leaders in WELS congregations as well as identifying and training 60 synodwide counselors who will work directly with congregations on self-assessment and developing plans to adjust and expand ministry. He will coordinate efforts with the other divisions of the Congregation and Ministry Support Group, often serving as “the first responder” when congregations ask for help.

“We all recognize that some congregations are struggling in one or more areas of their ministry and want to improve,” says Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president. “We also know that other congregations are doing well and want to do even better. The commission, under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Hein, will be in a position to

help congregations do exactly that—not by furnishing ready-made answers, but by directing congregations to the people and resources that can provide exactly the kind of assistance they need.”

Hein will continue to serve at his current congregation, Beautiful Savior, Summerville, S.C., during this two-year interim call; the synod will provide a seminary graduate to the congregation to make sure all the congregation’s needs are being met. The call will be re-evaluated at the end of the two years.

“Instead of locating Rev. Hein in the synod’s headquarters as a full-time administrator, we are convinced that his work will be enhanced by enabling him to stay connected to the life and work of the parish ministry,” says Schroeder. “It’s so easy to lose touch with what is happening in parish ministry today; this will keep that from happening. We believe that this will benefit his congregation, our synod, and Rev. Hein.”

A 1997 graduate from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis., Hein has served as the commission’s chairman since its inception.

WELS in the news



On Feb. 15, the *Newton Citizen* of Newton County, Ga., highlighted the visit of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chorus to Abiding Grace, Covington, Ga. It also discussed the congregation’s ministry and its upcoming 10th anniversary.

The Feb. 11 edition of *The Journal* in New Ulm, Minn., included an article on Jonathan Scharlemann, who recently received the 2013 Care of the Soul Leadership Award from The Lutheran Home Association in Belle Plaine, Minn.

On Feb. 18, OnMilwaukee.com highlighted the fact that “Time of Grace” now has a broadcasting contract with the ABC Family Network.



Job Description

Position title: Director, Financial Planning and Analysis

Department: Financial Services

Reports to: Chief Financial Officer

SUMMARY

Reporting to the Chief Financial Officer, the position is responsible for directing the development, reporting and monitoring of the biennial ministry financial plan for the synod, its schools and its subsidiaries; collection and examination of data to support the preparation of forecasts and various financial analyses; and the assessment of operating efficiency and effectiveness.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

- Develops and monitors policies and procedures that support the synod's ministry financial plan processes.
- Develops the ministry financial plan calendar.
- Develops, monitors and disseminates planning assumptions.
- Develops, in collaboration with Human Resources, wage and benefits planning amounts for all Synodical called and lay workers.
- Develops and maintains the ministry financial planning format, processes and procedures.
- Reviews ministry financial plan submissions for reasonableness, completeness and accuracy.
- Develops financial reports, charts and schedules for the effective communication of the ministry financial plan
- Monitors financial performance vs. plan and reports variances and corrective actions, as appropriate
- Develops and provides management information on financial performance vs. plan
- Develops and analyzes financial reports and forecasts for all levels of management to enable strategic decision-making
- Assess business operations to identify opportunity for internal control enhancement, risk mitigation and/or improved efficiency
- Other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree required.
- CPA or CGMA preferred.
- Minimum of ten years audit, general accounting, financial analysis or managerial accounting in a not-for-profit environment required.
- Experience and expertise in working with an enterprise resource planning system, financial databases, and Microsoft Office required.
- Ability to read, analyze, and interpret complex technical journals and financial reports.
- Ability to respond to inquiries from people at all levels of the organization.
- Ability to effectively present information to top management, boards/committees, and independent auditors.
- Ability to explain technical information.
- Strong coordinative and persuasive leadership skills.

This is an on-site, hired, full-time, salaried position requiring forty hours per week or more. The starting wage and benefits will be commensurate with abilities and experience. Comprehensive benefits package to include group health plan, worker's compensation, short and long-term disability, life insurance, pension and paid vacation.

If interested please apply on-line at <https://welssab.emangrove.com/SysForms/ApplicantLogin.aspx> .

CHARITABLE IRA DISTRIBUTIONS

In the new tax law which was recently passed by Congress, the Qualified Charitable Distribution law for IRAs was continued. This law was in effect from 2006-2011, and will now continue for 2012 and 2013. If you are past 70 ½ and have to take mandatory IRA distributions, you have the option of directly transferring some or all of that amount (or more) up to as much as \$100,000 to a charity without having to pay income tax on the distribution. You can do this even if you do not normally itemize deductions. The deadline for the 2012 tax year will be January 31, 2013. You may also recharacterize a December 2012 gift that was made after a December 2012 RMD for 2012. The deadline for the 2013 tax year will be December 31, 2013. If you would like more information on this, please contact WELS Christian Giving Counselors Pastor John Graf at 414-899-8173 (cell), e-mail: john.graf@wels.net, or Pastor John Kenyon at 414-405-9226 (cell), e-mail: john.kenyon@wels.net.



February 13, 2013

"By his wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).

Doctor's Clinic Under Investigation, Linked to Third-Term Abortion Death

The Maryland Attorney General's Office has launched a criminal investigation against late-term abortion doctor LeRoy Carhart who is under criminal investigation for charges related to illegal dumping of medical and biohazardous waste, including patients' medical records and private information, medications, and syringes.

The probe comes four days after the death of a 29-year-old woman who died at Carhart's Germantown Pregnancy Choices clinic as the result of a botched 33-week abortion.



Jennifer McKenna Morbelli passed away last week after getting a late-term abortion in a Maryland clinic

Jennifer McKenna Morbelli of New Rochelle, New York, died Feb. 7 at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital after entering Carhart's Germantown clinic for the late-term abortion. Following complications, Morbelli was taken to the local hospital where she later passed away of massive internal bleeding.

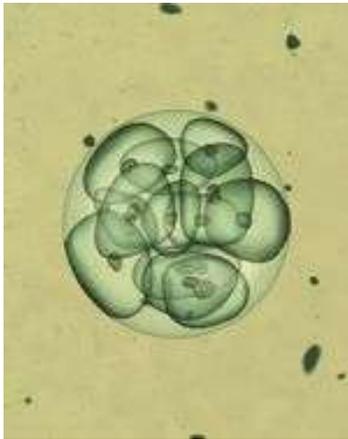
Morbelli (pictured right) was a kindergarten teacher in White Plains, New York. She was carrying a daughter who was named Madison Leigh, according to the published obituary.

Now the state medical examiner is probing into the woman's death, and the Montgomery County Police Department is also involved.

Carhart, the Nebraska-based doctor, began performing abortions at the Maryland clinic in 2010. The clinic was granted a state license on Feb. 6 to perform surgical abortions. [SOURCES: 2/12/13 - LifeNews.com; 2/12/13 - Gazette.net]

Defunct Embryonic Stem Cell Business Sold

More than a year after Geron Corporation discontinued its human embryonic stem cell research, the company's entire program was acquired by BioTime Inc. of Alameda, CA.



BioTime and its newly-formed subsidiary BioTime Acquisition Corporation (BAC) jointly announced in early January that they had agreed to purchase Geron's intellectual property, including patents and patent applications, and other assets related to Geron's human embryonic stem cell programs.

Geron received the first-ever U.S. FDA-approved human trial for human embryonic stem cell treatment.

Last November, the company announced its decision to close its hESC business and funnel its resources into developing cancer treatments. **Geron claimed the move involved cost savings, but many considered the decision a setback for the entire field** because it effectively ended the clinical trial of the hESC treatment for spinal cord injury.

Ethicist Wesley J. Smith commented, "... **stem cell science has substantially moved on, with adult and induced pluripotent stem cells now offering the more immediate hopes of developing safe and efficacious regenerative treatments.**" [SOURCE: 2/12/13 - National Review]

One in 6 Canadian Doctors Would Euthanize Their Patients If Legal

A new poll conducted by the Canadian Medical Association (CMA), the nation's largest doctors' group, found **16 percent of the more than 2,000 doctors who completed the survey would be willing to euthanize a patient, if the practice were legal there.** Another 44 percent said that they would refuse requests for euthanasia, and 26 percent were unsure how they would respond to requests for euthanasia. Fifteen percent did not answer, according to the CMA.

Another recent survey of the 300 members of the Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians found an overwhelming majority in opposition to the legalization of euthanasia (88 percent) or assisted suicide (80 percent).

Palliative care doctors and medical professionals who specialize in the care of the dying are more opposed to euthanasia than doctors in general.

Canada's criminal code bans euthanasia and assisted suicide. The CMA also opposes medically assisted suicide. However, in January the Quebec government announced plans to present legislation to permit rules for doctor-prescribed deaths. [SOURCE: 2/12/13 - National Right to Life's *News Today*]



February 21, 2013

Senators Re-Introduce Abortion Notification Bill in Congress

On Feb. 14, federal lawmakers re-introduced a measure requiring parental notification to transport minors across state borders for an abortion.



**Sen. Mario Rubio,
sponsor of the
Child Interstate Abortion
Notification Act**

"Congress must take action to prevent underage abortions by giving states the federal backing necessary to enforce their parental-involvement laws," said Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., sponsor of the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act.

Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla. is sponsoring the corresponding bill in the U.S. House.

The Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act would ban the transportation of minors across state lines in order to circumvent parental-involvement abortion laws in the child's home state.

Over 35 states currently have laws requiring parental notification for minors obtaining abortions.

Yet, according to a press release by Rubio's office, there is **"no federal framework in place to prevent a minor from traveling across state lines" to undergo an abortion in a state that does not have these parental-notification requirements.** [SOURCE: 2/14/13 - Sen. Mario Rubio's Website]

Planned Parenthood to Close 4 Clinics in Wisconsin; 2 in Iowa

WISCONSIN: Planned Parenthood announced the closing of four Wisconsin locations beginning in April. **The feeder clinics, located in Beaver Dam, Johnson Creek, Chippewa Falls and Shawano, are affected.** The three remaining state clinics that perform abortions -- in Madison, Milwaukee and Appleton -- will remain open.



The organization lost \$1.1 million in funding in the last Wisconsin biennial budget, causing the closures.

In its annual report, a total of 4,827 abortions were performed in the state by Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin in 2010 (62 percent of all abortions).

IOWA: On Tuesday, the Des Moines-based Planned Parenthood of the Heartland affiliate announced the closure of two of its 21 Iowa locations effective March 15. These latest locations include Spencer and Fort Madison, marking six Iowa clinics to have closed since last March.

A Planned Parenthood spokesperson cited the new health care law as a reason for the cuts.

Jenifer Bowen, executive director of Iowa Right to Life, found it ironic PP said the decision was partly driven by new federal health regulations. **"They supported it so strongly, and they're feeling the crunch of it."** [SOURCES: 2/18/13 - Wisconsin Right to Life News Release; 2/20/13 - LifeNews.com]

French Assembly Approves Same-Sex Marriage, Adoption Bill

On Feb. 12, the lower house of the French parliament passed a bill to legalize same-sex marriage which also allows same-sex couples to adopt.



French Parliament

The bill passed 329-299. There were 10 abstentions.

The measure now moves to the Senate for a vote in April.

In the weeks preceding the vote, an array of protests by large numbers of French citizens demonstrated in opposition of the "marriage for all" bill. Traditional marriage group "La Manif Pour Tous," or "March for All," drew crowds of 1.3 to 1.5 million to demonstrate in the streets of Paris. They hoped to delay the assembly vote and force the government to hold a referendum. Another protest march is planned in Paris on March 24. In addition, hundreds of thousands of signatures -- as of Feb. 8, a total of 276,000 -- have been gathered in opposition of the bill.

The Netherlands, Belgium, Norway and Spain as well as Argentina, Canada and South Africa have authorized same-sex marriage, along with six U.S. states. [SOURCE: 2/12/13 - WORLD]

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(LWMS)

50th Annual Convention of Lutheran Women's Missionary Society



Like a Tree Planted by Streams of Water

June 27-30, 2013

La Crosse Center, La Crosse, Wisconsin

LWMS Annual Convention

The LWMS convention is held every year during the last full weekend of June and is hosted by local LWMS circuits. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather together with other mission-minded WELS women for worship, fellowship, and learning about missions at home and around the world.

The convention typically begins with a communion worship service on Thursday evening and ends with a service on Sunday morning. Friday and Saturday are filled with a mixture of mission speakers, workshops, devotions and entertainment.

Upcoming Convention

- 2013 - LaCrosse, Wisconsin hosted by Winona Circuit

It is a **celebration** you won't want to miss! The ladies of the Winona Circuit warmly **invite** you to the 50th Annual LWMS Convention on June 27-30, 2013, in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Fifty years ago, 256 women gathered for the first LWMS convention on the banks of the Mississippi River in Winona, Minnesota. Just "as a tree planted by streams of water" (Psalm 3:1) our beloved organization has grown and flourished in the past 50 years. Our conventions now attract close to 1000 attendees or more. God has richly blessed us!

This year, we will find ourselves on the banks of the mighty Mississippi at the La Crosse Center. This large facility will provide ample space for what is expected to be a very well attended convention. The worship and devotional services will include special music by some of the area's finest choirs and musicians.

Come and **grow** personally and spiritually by attending several workshops and hearing the inspiring keynote speakers. While visiting the mission displays, look for the special "museum room" where you can rediscover our LWMS roots.

We **invite** you to wear hats, gloves, and vintage clothing for the Saturday evening banquet.

Following the Saturday banquet, everyone is sure to enjoy the original musical production *Mission Ladies Celebrate – This Is Most Certainly True*. This delightful play is based on the 50 years of LWMS through the eyes of the mission ladies. Laugh and cry with the girls as they take us into a church kitchen where sin and grace abound.

While you are in the beautiful, historic La Crosse area, consider attending one of the pre-convention tours: the Amish Country Tour or the Winona (Where It All Began) Tour. Other attractions that may be of interest include the Hixon House, the La Crosse Queen Paddleboat, the Pleasuring Tour, or a morning walk on the Blue Bridge. We look forward to celebrating the amazing grace of our Lord with all of you. See you in La Crosse!

The convention will be held at the La Crosse Center, 300 Front Street in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Directions and parking will be outlined with convention confirmations. City parking, currently free, is expected to be 50 cents per hour in 2013. Updated parking information can be found under the Visitors link at <http://www.lacrossecenter.com>.

Since there are no large hotels in La Crosse, LWMS has reserved rooms at numerous hotels. These include Best Western Riverfront, Brookstone Inn, Courtyard La Crosse Downtown, GrandStay Residential Suites, Holiday Inn La Crosse, Radisson Hotel La Crosse, and Settle Inn. More will be added if necessary.

Only two hotels are next to the center. Two others are less than ¼ mile away. Most attendees will need to commute to the convention center (or, if they are with a bus group, the bus will need to shuttle the group to the center). Outlying hotels are less expensive, only two miles away, and an easy drive down one road. No shuttle service will be offered.

PLEASE DO NOT hold rooms after March 22 hoping you will find someone to use them. Rooms must be cancelled on our reservations Web site by March 22 in order for other attendees to have a chance to use them. **Nearly 50 rooms are lost** each year because people cancel them too close to convention. Be considerate of

others. To get the LWMS rate, you must book your room on the link located at <http://lwms2013convention.com/hotel-travel>. Our reservations Web site lists all official hotels, distance from the convention center, and amenities so you can compare.

More than 50 years ago Lutheran women gathered and formed groups to learn about missions of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). They were from all age groups. The first secretary of Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) was in her 20s! Members of the board of directors are from all walks of life – one of the early presidents was in her 30s and on her way up the corporate ladder in the field of communications.

Why do women make the effort to balance their home lives and careers with the time it takes to serve in LWMS? The answer is simple. They want people to know about Jesus. They realize they are able to touch lives around the world by supporting missionaries with prayers and monetary donations. These women want to increase mission awareness so others will also support WELS mission efforts.

Each of us has been given the same amount of time and the ability to choose how we use our God-given time on earth. We can waste it, worry over it, spend it on ourselves, or invest it in serving Jesus. We are thankful that throughout the last 50 years dedicated women have chosen to accept the challenge, opportunity, and great privilege of serving Jesus through LWMS.

President's Corner

How Do You Use Your Time on Earth? “He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart” (Ecclesiastes 5:20).

HELPFUL HINT – The hotels are holding rooms for LWMS mainly on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

If you need nights before or after, try your required dates, but also try just the peak nights. A hotel may still have availability on other nights, even though our blocked rooms are gone on a particular night. You can then book the hotel of your choice for Thursday – Sunday on our Web site, and, after you've received your confirmation, call the hotel directly to try to extend your dates.

BUS GROUP ORGANIZERS – Unless all of your riders are confirmed at hotels within walking distance, you will need to schedule runs to and from the convention center using your bus. Please be aware that it is very unlikely that all of your riders will get into hotels within walking distance.

Growing the Kingdom - Pastor Nathan Berg, Faith Lutheran Church, Black River Falls and Cataract, Wisconsin, shares how two rural congregations sacrificed their identity, their history, and even their property to help grow God's kingdom.

Truth Alone Triumphs - The official motto of India, in ancient Sanskrit, is “Satyameva Jayate,” which means “Truth Alone Triumphs.” In a nation of many religions—Hinduism, Muslim, Buddhism, Sikhism, and Jainism—one might ask (as did Pilate), “What is Truth?” But Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. World Missionary John Hildebrant shares how the message of Jesus Christ is triumphing in the hearts of people of India.

A STADIUM FOR OUR SAVIOR - In the midst of a multicultural, non-Christian, international city, how do you reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus? Pastor Joel Schulz and his wife, Dawn, from Cross of Life Lutheran Church, Mississauga, Ontario, found a connection point in a game loved the world over—soccer. He'll share how this seed, planted 13 years ago, has grown into soccer camps that reach thousands with the gospel.

WHATEVER YOU DID FOR THE LEAST OF THESE - In 2010, a 7.0 earthquake struck Haiti, killing more than 300,000 people. Soon after, Pastor Terry Schultz was called to serve in Haiti, where more than 150 children have been saved by the Holy Spirit through baptism. Currently, he is developing religion curriculum for special needs children and adults, including lessons designed to combat the influence of Voodoo, which permeates Haitian culture.

GOD'S WORD LIVING AND ACTIVE - Hear how God's Word works in the lives of Christians here and abroad. LWMS President Jackie Heib and Karen Goetzinger recount their mission trip to Nepal; and Japanese native, Naoko Aminaka, La Crosse, Wisconsin, shares her experience of becoming a Christian.

Convention Schedule

June 27-30, 2013

Thursday, June 27

2:00~6:00 PM Registration

3:15~4:15 PM Flag Rehearsal

4:30~5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

5:30 PM Dinner (*On your own*)

7:00~9:00 PM Opening of Convention, Flag Presentation, Worship Service with Communion

MLC President Mark Zarling - Preacher

LWMS Pastoral Advisor Jeffrey Mahnke - Presiding Minister

9:00~10:00 PM Registration (*Open immediately following the worship service*)

Friday, June 28

6:45~8:00 AM Breakfast (*On your own*)

7:30 AM~5:30 PM Registration

8:15 AM Morning Devotion ~ *Pastor William Bader, St. Paul, Onalaska, Wisconsin*

8:30 AM Introductions ~ Recognition of first time attendees and board members

8:45 AM Mission Speaker ~ *Pastor Joel Schulz, VBS Camp Support, Cross of Life, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada*

9:30 AM Moments with our Missionaries

9:45 AM Break to Workshops, Displays and Museum, and Business Meeting

Note ~ Delegates/Alternates will be in the business meeting during Session 1

10:00 AM~1:15 PM Displays and Museum Open

10:05 AM Business Meeting

10:15 AM~11:15 AM Workshops ~ Session 1

A—Different Ways to Share Jesus with your Spanish-Speaking Neighbors ~ *Pastor Daniel Schmidt*

B—Jesus in the Afternoon for Me (JAM) ~ *Staff Minister Daniel Schoeffel and Teacher Wendy Schibbelhut*

C—Prepared to Answer - Insights from a World Missionary ~ *Pastor Michael Hartman*

D—Reaching Muslim Women in My Community ~ *Pastor Pieter Reid*

11:15 AM~11:45 AM Visit Displays and Museum

11:45 AM~1:15 PM Lunch (*See Meal Plan Menu on page 7*)

1:15 PM Introduction of Missionaries ~ *Pastors Keith Free and Daniel Koelpin, Administrators for the WELS Boards for Home and World Missions*

1:45 PM Moments with our Missionaries

2:00 PM Mission Speakers ~ *Jackie Hieb, Cleveland, Ohio, and Karen Goetzinger, Ottawa, Canada ~ LWMS Nepal Mission Trip*

Stretch Break

3:00 PM Apache Women Sing

3:15 PM Mission Speaker ~ *Pastor John Hildebrant, India Mission, Guntur, India*

4:00 PM Afternoon Devotion ~ *Pastor Gerald P. Arnold Jr., St. Matthew, Stoddard, Wisconsin*

4:15 PM Pictures of Missionaries, Past Presidents, Board of Directors (current and newly elected)

4:30~6:00 PM Meet the Missionaries, LWMS Board of Directors, and WELS Missions Administrators at Displays

5:00~6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

LWMS Web site workshop ~ LWMS Board of Directors and staff

6:00 PM Dinner (*on your own*) and reunion time/free evening

Saturday, June 29

6:45~8:00 AM Breakfast (*On your own*)

7:30~11:30 AM Registration

8:15 AM Morning Devotion ~ *Pastor Roy Hefti, St. Paul, Bangor, Wisconsin*

8:30 AM Roll Call, Business Meeting Highlights, Presentations of Mission Offerings, New Ballot Projects and kids c.a.r.e. PowerPoint, Introduction of Newly Elected Board Members

9:30 AM Moments with our Missionaries

Stretch Break

9:45 AM Mission Speaker ~ *Pastor Nathan Berg, Mission Restart, Faith, Black River Falls and Cataract, Wisconsin*

10:30 AM Break to Workshops/Displays and Museum

10:30 AM~1:30 PM Displays and Museum Open

10:45 AM~11:45 AM Workshops ~ Session 2

A—Different Ways to Share Jesus with your Spanish-Speaking Neighbors ~ *Pastor Daniel Schmidt*

B—Jesus in the Afternoon for Me (JAM) ~ *Staff Minister Daniel Schoeffel and Teacher Wendy Schibbelhut*

C—Prepared to Answer - Insights from a World Missionary ~ *Pastor Michael Hartman*

D—Reaching Muslim Women in My Community ~ *Pastor Pieter Reid*

E—God's Church In Thessalonica: Like a Tree Planted by Streams of Water ~ *Pastors Jeffrey Mahnke and Brady Coleman*

12:00 PM~1:30 PM Lunch

1:30 PM Moments with our Missionaries

1:45 PM Mission Speaker ~ *Naoko Aminaka, La Crosse, Wisconsin*

2:05 PM Mission Speaker

Stretch Break

2:45 PM Mission Speaker ~ *Pastor Terry Schultz, Haiti Mission, Dominican Republic*

3:00 PM Afternoon Devotion ~ *Pastor John Derme, St. John, Lewiston, Minnesota*

3:15 PM Break to Workshops/Displays and Museum

3:15~5:30 PM Displays and Museum Open

3:30~4:30 PM Workshops ~ Session 3

A—Different Ways to Share Jesus with your Spanish-Speaking Neighbors ~ *Pastor Daniel Schmidt*

B—Jesus in the Afternoon for Me (JAM) ~ *Staff Minister Daniel Schoeffel and Teacher Wendy Schibbelhut*

C—Prepared to Answer - Insights from a World Missionary ~ *Pastor Michael Hartman*

D—Reaching Muslim Women in My Community ~ *Pastor Pieter Reid*

E— God’s Church In Thessalonica: Like a Tree Planted by Streams of Water ~ *Pastors Jeffrey Mahnke and Brady Coleman*

6:30 PM Banquet

8:00 PM Entertainment

Sunday, June 30

7:00~8:15 AM Breakfast (*on your own*)

8:30~10:00 AM Closing Worship Service, Installation of Board Members

MLC President Mark Zarling - Preacher

LWMS Pastoral Advisor Jeffrey Mahnke - Presiding Minister

10:00~10:30 AM Flag Narration Recessional

10:30 AM Closing of Convention

Workshops

kids

c.a.r.e. care about reaching everyone with the gospel Share Jesus with your Spanish –speaking neighbors

Learn how to share the love of Jesus with your Spanish-Speaking neighbors. Pastor Daniel Schmidt will show you how as he recounts his triumphs and mistakes of starting a multicultural ministry in Detroit, Michigan, at Palabra de Vida (Word of Life).

Establishing Roots in the Community utilizing singing and activities, Dan Schoeffel, staff minister, and Wendy Schibbelhut, teacher, at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Onalaska Wisconsin, share two unique programs to reach people in the community with the gospel: Kids’ Praise and JAM—Jesus in the Afternoon for Me.

PREPARED TO ANSWER - INSIGHTS FROM A WORLD MISSIONARY - We often find ourselves unexpectedly confronted with questions about our faith. When these moments arise, it’s easy to feel uncomfortable and unprepared to answer. Mexico Missionary Michael Hartman will share his experiences from life in the mission field and help you prepare easy-to-remember responses for typical questions about your faith.

REACHING MUSLIM WOMEN IN MY COMMUNITY - Muslims are streaming into urban cities and suburbs as well as smaller towns. We know we are to treat each Muslim as an individual soul whom Jesus loves and whom Jesus wants us to love also. But, how? Pastor Pieter Reid, Muslim outreach coordinator, and his wife, Marlys, will provide insight into reaching Muslim women in a culture where *only* women are allowed to speak to Muslim women.

GOD’S CHURCH IN THESSALONICA - LWMS Pastoral Advisors Jeff Mahnke and Brady Coleman will lead a Bible study on the Apostle Paul’s first letter to the church in the ancient city of Thessalonica, located by the Aegean Sea. Here’s your opportunity to see for yourself that, despite persecution and suffering, this congregation is a great example of a tree planted by streams of water.

2012-2013 Project VBS Camp Support - The current kids c.a.r.e. project may seem strange to some.

VBS Camp Support? What in the world is that? Simply put, the project is designed to provide needed financial support for home missions to conduct a regular vacation Bible school, but with a twist!

Many small home mission congregations have no church building, which makes it challenging to establish a “presence” or identity with the unchurched in their neighborhoods. It is difficult for them to draw large numbers of children to hear the gospel message.

Congregations can attract children who otherwise might not go to church by offering a day camp featuring music, ballet, soccer, softball, or other activities. However, these camps are costly. The cost of renting space and equipment and paying for publicity can often exceed a small church’s budget.

Our children’s offerings for this project will enable hundreds of children to hear the gospel, perhaps for the first time. In turn, God’s Word reaches many homes as children carry the gospel message back to their families.

“[Jesus] said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me...’” (Mark 10:14).

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Amish Country Tour

9:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Cost - \$35 (includes a box lunch)

Step back in time by traveling to the Cashton, Wisconsin area, the country’s fourth largest Amish settlement. With a guide, visit Amish farms to learn about their way of life and see their many crafts. Experience the tranquility of a day in the country while visiting “Down a Country Road.” Six gift shops showcase Amish crafts including quilts, rugs, baskets, homemade candies, jams and jellies, and more!

Winona (Where It All Began) Tour

12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Cost - \$25 (includes a refreshment break)

Board the bus to beautiful Winona, Minnesota. This stunning city was home to the first LWMS convention in 1964. Stop at Cathedral Crafts, Inc. to observe how masterworks of stained glass are created and restored. Then visit St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church, the site of the first convention. Finally, stop at the J.R. Watkins Museum to see the history of this company that produces over 350 natural products that are on display and available for purchase.

Meal Plan Menu

LUNCHES –Box lunches will be offered on both Friday and Saturday. Please make your selection for each day on the lines provided on the registration form. You may select a different type of lunch each day. Choices are:

HAM Shaved Ham on a Hoagie Roll with sliced Wisconsin Swiss Cheese and shredded Lettuce

TURKEY Honey Lean Turkey Breast on a Croissant with sliced Wisconsin Cheddar Cheese and Lettuce

BEEF Thinly sliced Roast Beef on a Kaiser Bun

All box lunches include Potato Chips, Cookie, Dill Pickle, Fruit, Condiments, and choice of Soda, Bottled Water, or Milk.

BANQUET

Medley of Greens with Apples, Candied Walnuts, Shredded Carrots and Cranberries with Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing, Pit Rubbed Pork Roast with Maple Glaze Buttermilk and Chive Mashed Potatoes Fresh Steamed Seasonal Vegetables, Dinner Rolls/Butter. Coffee, Tea, Milk

LWMS 2012 Children’s Menu

LUNCHES – will be the same box lunches as described above.

BANQUET

Chicken Tenders, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit Cup

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Hotel News

LWMS is expecting a large turnout in La Crosse, Wisconsin, June 27-30, 2013, to celebrate the 50th convention. We hope all of you can attend! The organization has reserved room blocks at many hotels in the city. The LWMS room block is currently only 32% full, so many rooms are still available. You can reserve rooms now through the [Convention Web site](#) or by calling 1-608-782-2281 or 1-800-658-9424. Please book rooms as soon as possible for the best availability.

For more information and a message from the LWMS Board of Directors with regard to housing for the convention, click on the following link: [Convention housing message](#).

Today's Christian Women's Retreat

*"I am the way,
the truth,
and the life."*

John 14:6

**You are invited to the 19th Annual
Today's Christian Women's Retreat
April 5 – 7, 2013**

**Grand Traverse Resort and Spa
Acme, MI**

Please visit our website at www.tewr.org

You can get registration forms or register online.



Today's Christian Women's Retreat

Please use the security
code: retreat
Registration forms
have also been mailed
to your church.

Today's Christian Women's Retreat registration has begun. Registration materials are located on the end caps of the mailboxes located at Grace Lutheran Church and also online at www.tcwr.org with security code: retreat.

Registration fees are: \$145.00 after Sunday January 27, 2013, and \$160.00 after Sunday February 24, 2013 and:

The following are the speakers that will be holding sessions during the retreat:

COUNTS AS 2 - Prof. Deutschlander - Theology of the Cross

- Sandy Richards - "I am the Way"

- Dr. Peil - "I am the Truth"

- Rebecca Huth - "I am the Life"

- Gloria Aita - Theme Bible Study

- Pastor Phil Merten - Erasing the Lines in Evangelism

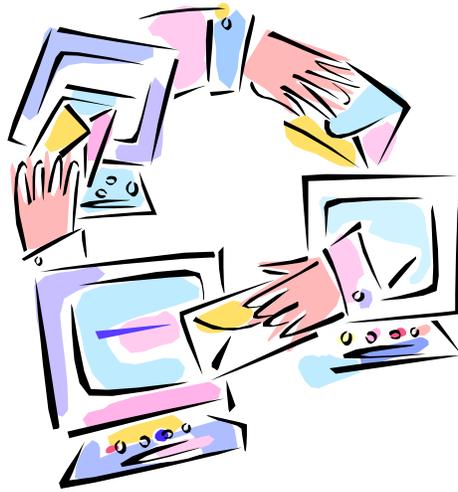


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January, February & March – 2013

Saturday	Crew
March 2 nd	Betty Spinning
March 9 th	Eve Brown
March 16 th	Jenny Weber
March 23 rd	Judy Kirkman
March 30 th	Laura Karhoff



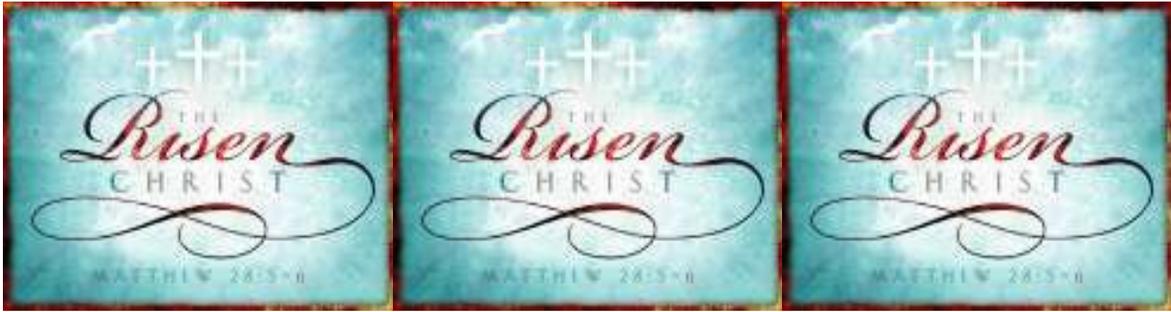
Email / Address Update

The mailing of the monthly Word of Grace (WOG) newsletter has stopped. Instead, the WOG is being will be sent out by email to members and friends. Use the form below if we do not have your email address; or, if you wish us to include a friend in our monthly emailing of the Word of Grace. (Hand to an usher or bring to the church office.)

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*March
Birthdays & Anniversaries*

2 – Howard Peterson
4 – Scott Waller
5 – Christopher Canute
6 – Jacob Bannister
8 – Tamara Heck
8 – Alma Jacobson
9 – Wanda Weber
14 – Terri Noyes

16 – Haley Taylor
17 – Kristine Dagen
25 – Joshua Weber
28 – Mel Checker
29 – Nicole Canute
29 – Barry Price
30 – Joseph Waller
31 – Kai Heck





Through the Bible this Year

Lent 3, March 3, 2013	
Monday	Numbers 16:23-40
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Wednesday	Luke 13:1-9
Thursday	Psalms 38
Friday	Isaiah 42:14-21
Saturday	Ephesians 5:8-14
Sunday	John 9:1-7,13-17,34-39
Lent 4, March 10, 2013	
Monday	Judges 10:6-16
Tuesday	James 4:7-10
Wednesday	Luke 15:1-3,11b-32
Thursday	Psalms 115
Friday	Genesis 37:1-11
Saturday	Romans 8:1-10
Sunday	Matthew 20:17-28
Lent 5, March 17, 2013	
Monday	Isaiah 43:16-24
Tuesday	Romans 11:11-21
Wednesday	Luke 20:9-19
Thursday	Psalms 73
Friday	2 Kings 4:18-37
Saturday	Romans 8:11-19
Sunday	John 11:17-27,38-45
Palm Sunday, March 24, 2013	
Monday	Isaiah 45:22-25
Tuesday	Hebrews 12:1-3
Wednesday	Luke 19:28-40
Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2013	
Thursday	Psalms 116
Good Friday, March 29, 2013	
Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Saturday	Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013	
Sunday	Matthew 28:1-10

Worship Schedule

Midweek Bible Class, – Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Bible Information Class (Membership) – Wednesdays, 3 p.m.

Sunday School & Sunday Adult Bible Class, 9 a.m.

Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.

Wednesdays, March 6th, 13th & 20th

Meal – 6 p.m.

Lenten Worship – 7 p.m.

Maundy Thursday – Thursday, March 28th

Worship & Holy Communion – 7 p.m.

Good Friday – Friday, March 29th

Worship – 7 p.m.

He is Risen – Easter Sunday, March 31st

Easter Breakfast – 9 a.m.

Worship – 10 a.m.

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