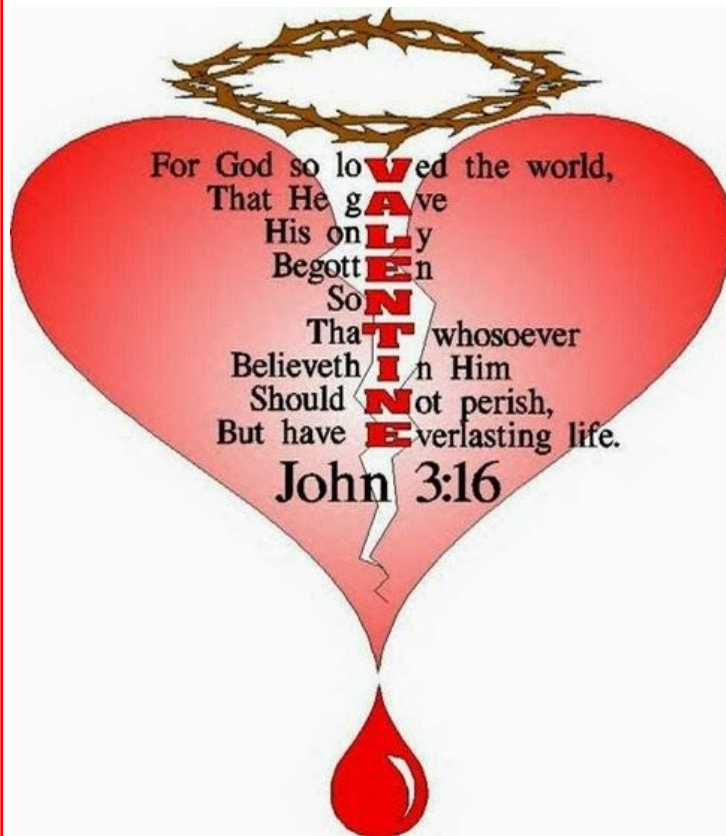


Goodhue Lutheran Messenger– February 2022



Historically, St. Valentine was a priest near Rome on about the year 270 A.D. It was during this time that there was a war on Christianity. Those who were practicing Christianity were imprisoned and were normally executed, as this was the case with St. Valentine.

During his life, he ministered to help the Christians to escape this persecution, and to provide them with God's Word, which was outlawed by the Roman Empire at that time. The story of St. Valentine says that he would remind Christians of God's love and to encourage them to remain faithful Christians. Saint Valentine is said to have cut the hearts shapes from paper, giving them to the soldiers and persecuted Christians, a possible origin of the widespread use of hearts on Saint Valentine's Day.

We are called to love one another and to love our enemies and to love ourselves. Not in the human understanding of love, but through the love of God in our lives. EASY? No. Some days it feels impossible to love: to love yourself, to love others or even to love God. Yet we are called to love. "Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him... We love because God first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen." 1 John 4:19

Do you remember in elementary school when you would make Valentine's Day cards for your classmates? In my class, a couple of children didn't get a single card. The next year the Teacher said we must make one for everyone in the class. Though Valentine's Day cards, flowers and treats are thoughtful, we daily live in the challenge of remembering God's love for us and in turn loving others. Today we live in a lifetime of little Valentine's of love for the world each day not because we must but because we get to!

I pray that you receive a Valentine in many forms this month. May God's word reminds you each day of God's love for you. and may you never fear sharing that love with others, friend or foe. We can rest assured that there is an abundance of God's love to go around. God's happy heart will never become empty of love for God's creation. And praise God for the ultimate gift of God's love to all: Jesus Christ who came to live with us died for us on the cross and rose from the dead for our Salvation.

Submitted by Pastor Robbin Robbert



Wise Penny Thrift Store

The Wise Penny would like everyone to know that they are open! Their hours are Monday through Saturday, 12:00-4:00 p.m. They are accepting donations Monday-Thursday, 12:00-4:00 p.m. Wise Penny is thankful for their volunteers and their donations.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES:

"If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale, and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into heaven?" I asked the children in my Sunday school class.

"No!" the children all answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into heaven?"

Once more they all answered, "NO!"

"Well, then, if I was king to animals and gve candy to all the children and loved my wife, would that get me into heaven?" I asked them again.

Once more they all answered, "NO!"

"Well," I continued, thinking they were a good bit more theologically sophisticated than I had given them credit for, "Then how can I get into heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD!"

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of Morrisons Store.

As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can You tell me where the Post Office is?"

The little boy replied. "Sure! Just go straight down this street and at the end turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said. "I'm the new minister in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle. "Awww, come on....You don't know the way to the Post Office."

Chapel of the Air

Services are 9:00am Sundays on KCUE
1250 AM Red Wing.

Donations to help cover the cost of airing services can be sent to St John's, Red Wing.



Wednesday Bible Study and Quilting

Wednesday Morning Bible Study and Quilting continues at St Peter's Parsonage Basement on Wednesdays, starting with Bible Class at 8:30am. For the Bible Class portion, we look at the lessons that will be coming up in church that week, other than the sermon text.

Everyone is welcome to attend. It is a time to visit and a time to study the Bible and enjoy friendships while you work on quilts. If interested, you don't need to know much about sewing for quilting, Many of the members who attend are tying quilts.

Respectfully Submitted Joyce Hinrichs

Men's Bible Breakfast

February 19, 2022 at St. Peter's
at 8:30am



Church Directory for Grace and St Peters

Thank you to everyone on your
patience on the Joint Church

Directory. I confirmed with the company on January 18th that they are printing them and will be sending them out soon. Per Mary Tri Secretary



COME WORSHIP WITH US

Grace Lutheran Church

8:30am Sunday Worship

9:30am Bible Class and Sunday School

St John's Lutheran Church

9:00am Worship

10:15am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

St Peters Lutheran Church

9:30am Bible Class and Sunday School

10:45am Worship

NEWS FROM PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

The Meeting of the Red Wing Pastor's Conference met on Tuesday, Jan. 25, in Caledonia, MN. Pastor's Weigand and Robbert were both present.

(Our Minnesota District of the WELS is divided into Conferences, which are divided into Circuits. Our Conference President is Pastor Brian Kom of Ascension, Rochester. Our Circuit Pastor is Pastor Todd Engel of St. John's, Red Wing.)

At this conference, our Minnesota District President, Pastor Dennis Klatt, reported that the number of pastor vacancies in our Synod remains high, with 143 pastoral vacancies Synod-wide, including 23 pastoral vacancies in the Minnesota District.

There is also a severe shortage of Early Childhood Education teachers; and of candidates to serve as Principals of Christian Day Schools, as well as an overall shortage of Christian Day School teachers.

Martin Luther College is looking at adding a 2 year Associate's Degree program for training Early Childhood Education workers.

Our Synod is looking at ways to have multiple schools be served by one principal.

If you know of any WELS members who might have a heart and abilities to be a Christian Schoolteacher – including those trained in or currently serving in public education– Please talk to them in case they might be interested– and if they are, let your pastor know, so he can recommend them to our Synod Christian Education folks, or let them know what steps to take and whom to contact to find out more about this possibility.

Please also think of young men, and older men, and middle of life men, who might make good pastors, and encourage them to consider the pastoral ministry.

Our Synod has been blessed with Mission Offerings from congregations coming in higher than planned and setting a new record for total amount!

With COVID winding down in Viet Nam, we may soon be able to make progress on the planned pastor training school in Hanoi.

The Words "Thank You!" don't seem like enough. I want to let all that submitted reports how much I appreciated getting them in a timely manner. It made creating the Annual Reports a whole lot easier. Please let me know if you have any corrections to the information. We can do that in a future bulletin or newsletter. Many, many thanks. Mary Tri Church Secretary



LET ALL
THAT
YOU DO
BE DONE
WITH
LOVE.

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14 NKJV



WORLD MISSIONS

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WELS WORLD MISSIONS UPDATE - FALL 2021/WINTER 2022
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page at

A GROWING ONE ASIA TEAM

The Asia One Team is made up of eight missionaries serving the countries of Thailand, Laos, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, the Philippines, and Vietnam. Mark Zondag, the newest member of the team, was assigned from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in May 2021 to specifically reach out to the ethnic Thai in Thailand, a people group largely unreached by previous efforts. He and his wife, Sarah, along with their two little girls moved to the Asia One Team's home base of Chiang Mai, Thailand, in September 2021. Friendly Counselor to India, Guy Marquardt, and his wife Linda, also moved to Chiang Mai in 2021. Having all Asia missionaries in one location is helping facilitate a stronger team and more effective ways to serve hard-to-reach parts of Asia. Learn more at wels.net/asia.

outreach is huge! Learn more about London and other potential new world mission fields at wels.net/newworldmissionfields.

NEW MISSIONARIES IN LATIN AMERICA

In Latin America, online outreach efforts through Academia Cristo have connected the Latin America mission team with potential church planters in every single Latin American country. 35 people have come into doctrinal agreement with WELS through Academia Cristo, with additional men and women being added to that number weekly. Additional manpower is needed to follow up with these contacts and continue training new Christians in grace-starved Latin America. Plans are underway to add up to five new positions to the team, which could be made up of pastors, staff ministers, teachers, and laypeople. Learn more at wels.net/latinamerica.

EXPANSION OF THE TELL NETWORK

WELS Multi-Language Productions (MLP) produces confessional Christian content in more than 56 languages to date. The MLP online training platform called TELL (Think, Evaluate, Learn, and Lead) has been bringing the gospel to English-speakers around the world. MLP has seen huge interest in TELL on the African continent, specifically in Kenya. Plans are being made to place a TELL missionary somewhere in the vicinity to follow up on African TELL contacts. TELL is modeled after Academia Cristo, the Spanish online training tool used by our Latin America mission team. MLP has also launched its first TELL Mandarin online video course. These three training initiatives currently make up the TELL Network. TELL courses are also being translated into Tagalog to continue online outreach and training in the Philippines. Learn more at wels.net/mlp.

NEW WORLD MISSION FIELD IN LONDON



World Missions has plans to send missionaries to London. The London area is already home to more than 50 WELS families who could serve as a nucleus for outreach. In addition, due to political changes in Hong Kong, more than 20 percent of members from WELS' sister church in Hong Kong, the South Asia Lutheran Evangelical Mission (SALEM), have moved to the United Kingdom. London is one of the most diverse cities on the planet, and the potential for worldwide

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“Send a Little Note!”

How can we help those who are homebound or living in a nursing home or care center? Your notes and card in the mail can encourage a shut in; it can make them feel they are a part of an active life. It will help them feel useful in some way.

Let's think of our fellow Christians and show some extra love on Valentines Day. Let's send some cards and messages letting them know they haven't been forgotten. You are bringing Joy to these people. Thank



As part of Grace and St. Peter's ladies' membership in LWMS, each church is assigned the name of a missionary pastor and foreign country missionary's family members going to school in U.S. Below are the addresses of the names received by each church. Congregation members are encouraged to send them a note, and gift card if you wish, as an appreciation and remembrance of their work and their studies. This can not only be done at Christmas time, but anytime throughout the year and the students throughout the school year.

St. Peter's names:

Pastor Nathan Wagenknecht 2541 Sebring Circle
Anchorage Ak 99516 Birthday 1/24 Anniversary 4/17

Louise Felgenhauer Wisconsin Lutheran College
8800 W Blumound Rd. Milwaukee WI 53266
Freshman at WLC Family in Zambia
Birthday 6/22/2002

Peter Wolfgramm C/O Peter Wolfgramm
1655 Acorn Ct Menasha WI 54952
Sophmore @ Fox Valley Lutheran HS
Family in Russia Birthday 9/9/2005

Here are the student names that has been assigned to Grace:

Claudia Meyer Martin Luther College
1995 Luther Court Box 1057 New Ulm Mn 56073-3965
Grenada Senior-5 year Birthday-December 10, 1998 and
Drew Witte C/O Michael & Lisa Goeglein
1618 Payne St. New Ulm, MN 56073
Zambia Freshman: Minnesota Valley Luth HS
Birthday-October 24, 2006

Here is Grace's missionary name and address:

Gary Lupe from Cibecue, Arizona Missionary: Gary Lupe
Birthday: 4-24-65 Missionary Spouse: Berlita Lupe
Birthday: 8-17-67 Children- Four daughters ages 30-36 (3 married) Two sons ages 31 and 20 (1 married)
Address: PO Box 1449 White River, AZ 85941
Phone: (928)594-5131
E-mail: garylup83@gmail.com

February LWMS Calendar Missionary: Jennifer Wolfgramm, Russia

Warm greetings from brisk Siberia! My husband Luke and I moved to Russia in 1997. Since that time, I've stayed busy by helping with church music, Sunday school, women's ministry, secretarial work for Luke and, of course, raising our three children. But now our lives are changing. Our three children are living in the United States. We're empty nesters! Additionally, Luke's work is evolving to include more locations than just Russia. He travels to European countries to encourage, support, and teach seminary students, pastors, and leaders. I have been blessed to visit our churches in Albania, Bulgaria, and Finland with Luke. It's wonderful to travel to other countries and get to know our Christian family in each place! Besides my dear Russian friends I've now begun making some very lovely connections with women in Europe, and I'm looking forward to connecting with these sisters much more in the future! Include in your prayers small groups of confessional Lutherans scattered across Europe and Russia. For strengthening ties of isolated Lutheran sisters with each other. For ease of travel across the borders. And For our three children adjusting to life in the United States.



2022 WELS International Youth Rally (For Confirmed WELS/ELS Member Youth)
June 28-July 1

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Royal people. Momentous Purpose. We are here and now “for such a time as this” (Esther 4:14).

Esther’s life was riveting. God’s love for her was amazing. God’s work through her was powerful. Esther was a royal woman who served a momentous purpose. We serve a momentous purpose too! Like Esther, our lives are riveting because of God’s amazing love and God’s powerful work. We are his royal people prepared, placed, and serving Here and Now for such a time as this.

Join us as a family of believers at the 2022 WELS International Youth Rally!

Registration runs March 8–May 31
\$375 early-bird rate for full payment until April 30
\$395 May 1–31

Specific information for our local Minnesota Attendees:

If we get 2-3 15 passenger vans from Minneapolis area costing \$180 plus tax per day(\$200); cost per passenger would be \$80. Gas for the 2000 mile trip at \$3 per gallon per passenger would be \$28

Ark Encounter sleep over \$70 per youth; \$50 per chaperone

If interested in attending please talk to Pastor Weigand or Pastor Robbert

Go to the WELS Website for more information

Grace & St Peter's Sunday School

Many thanks to Shelley for organizing and preparing copies of Sunday School Lessons for every one of our children eligible for Sunday School at Grace and St Peters; 71 children are presently registered.

Shelley has also put some bulletin boards together in the church entry and in the church basement. If you are getting to church for worship spend sometime looking for your Child's name on the hearts on the bulletin boards and let Shelley know you appreciate her work.

Everyone of our children who sang or played for our Christmas Services did an absolute beautiful job. We thank you! We encourage you to keep on with your singing and your instrument. Let Pastor know if you want to sing or play at church. He welcomes you to participate in that way.

Sunday School kids sing next on February 13. The song is "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" - (LAPPY Songbook p. 167)

COMING UP IN BIBLE CLASS

JOINT MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS HELD AT SP (Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.) Pastor's Weigand and Robert plan to rotate so that one teaches for two weeks in a row, then the other for two weeks in a row. Pastor Weigand will continue to lead study on the book of Galatians for the next several times that he is up.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS AT GRACE— When Pastor Weigand is up he will continue to lead study on the Book of Romans. When Ben Raasch or Darwyn Tri are leading class, they will teach lessons from the series "Grand Themes and Key Words" of the Bible.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS AT ST. PETER'S— When Pastor Weigand is up, he will continue to lead study on the Book of Romans. When Larry Holst and Norrie Voth are teaching, they will continue leading study through the book, "The Wonders of God," which is a review of the main teachings of the Bible that is often used for Bible Information Class/Adult Confirmation Class.

QUILTING BIBLE STUDY— Wed. at 8:30 am at St. Peter's. We plan to continue study on "A Look at the Other Lessons" coming up in church the next Sunday besides the sermon text. Pastor Weigand leads study.

JOINT MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST— Saturday, Feb. 19, at 8:30 am at St. Peter's: Study planned is another lesson on "Joshua, Example of a Godly Man". It's Pastor Weigand's turn to lead study. Invite your friends and other men who might be interested! Bring your son(s) if they are confirmed

Schedule for Lenten Services
at St. Peter's, Grace, and St John's
The Crucial Hours

Ash Wednesday, March 2

7:00pm Worship at St John's

Wednesday, March 9

7:00pm Worship at St John's

Wednesday, March 16

7:00pm Worship at St Peter's

Wednesday, March 23

7:00pm worship at St. Peter's

Wednesday, March 30

7:00pm Worship at Grace

Wednesday, April 6

7:00pm Worship @ Grace

Grace Church Annual Meeting January 23, 2022

President Bo Schulz called the meeting to order. Pastor opened with prayer. The secretary's report from the November Voter's Meeting was read. Pastor's salary, in the amount of \$59,828.07 was amended to \$54,100 because of a calculating error that was made when increasing his salary by 6%. Upon passage of this amendment, the secretary's report was approved. Financial Secretary and Treasure's reports were both presented, with major expenses for the year being outlined. Accounts remain strong despite significant projects taking place as we continued to be blessed with generous giving. Both reports were approved. A motion was approved to release Ashley Strusz from membership upon her request. Three recommendations from the church council received approval. Recommendation one involved modifying language in the Dual Parish Agreement regarding the youth group coordinator position. The revised language now reads *"d. Youth Education Assistant(s) The councils of the two congregations, upon the recommendation of the pastor, shall appoint a youth education assistant, who shall assist the pastor, church councils and congregation in finding qualified staff for Sunday School and youth programs, assist in keeping records and ordering materials for the youth programs of the congregations, and serve as a classroom assistant for youth confirmation class, assist with the youth group, and maintain a cradle roll and list(s) of prospective Sunday School and confirmation class students, along with such other duties mutually agreed upon by the assistant, the pastor and Dual Parish Board. This job may be divided between more than one person."* Recommendation two will allow Pastor Weigand and Robbert to "swap pulpits" up to three times per year, enabling each pastor to utilize sermons from the previous week at their respective congregations. This will reduce some workload for both Pastors without adding additional cost to either congregation. Recommendation three approved a roughly \$15,000 replacement of the church sound system. Pastor reported on church attendance rebounding since COVID19 reduced weekly in-person attendance numbers, numerous Bible Class opportunities, as well as Sunday School and Catechism instruction. Capital improvement projects recently completed include the land purchase, tuckpointing, fascia and gutter replacement, and shingle repair. Upcoming projects include painting the south side of the parsonage, evaluating church shingle needs, basement light replacement, and future internet options. Mary has submitted her intent to retire as church secretary, requiring the dual parish board is seeking applicants and evaluating options for this position. A big thank you to Mary for all she had done! A motion passed to set the 2022 missions goal at \$15,000. Lenten services are set to follow the same format as the past. Motion to Adjourn.

Submitted: Brandon Lunde

Jesus Lives! God is Awesome! Psalm 77:14 (EHV) **You are the God who performs a wonderful deed. You made known your power among the peoples.**

John 3:16 (EHV) **For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.**

I can't help think about the extent of God's love for me in the month where people celebrate love for each. The stores have plenty of chocolate, stuffed animals, flowers, etc. It is funny how TV shows depict men when they have waited till the last minute to purchase a gift that shows they love that special someone, and they end up buying seeds to grow roses or some crazy gift no one else would buy. Our world has a superficial view of what love is.

Looking at John 3:16, we see the depth of God's love. **"He gave his only-begotten Son."** Who does that? Our God knew that shallow love of people needed a Savior who was willing to come to us, teach, preach, heal, help, love a human race that lost that love at Eden. What a great example for us! When do we go out and help others when they are sick? Or maybe just ask how they are doing when they look sad? These gifts of love come from a Jesus who held a little child, healed a blind man, went to raise Lazarus from the grave. Our God is awesome because He sees our needs, and He relieves us from them.

Not only does God tend to our daily needs, but God also has our future in mind. John 3:16 (EHV) continues **"that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life."** Here again, shows the depth of God's love. Our eternal life is based on our faith in God; not about how much we do for God. On top of that, this faith in God leads us to repent of sins we commit against the God who loves us. I can't believe I still sin against God when He has done so much for me. My love for God does not compare to the love He has for me. God is Awesome!

Finally, what about our love? Our love only has value because God loves us from the beginning. 1 John 4:19 (EHV) **We love because he first loved us.** Remember this when someone frustrates us. Remember this when we frustrated ourselves. Be generous with your love. Our God is Awesome because of the extent God loves us - "He sent His Son." And you know the rest of the story!

May God grant you a blessed February!

In His service,

Albert Karnopp

February School Calendar

2/1	8:30 Chapel
2/5	Goodhue Basketball Tournament
2/8	8:30 Chapel
2/12	B-Frozen Lake City Tournament
2/13	Preschool Sings in Church
2/14	Lake City Basketball Game
2/15	8:30 Chapel
2/16	Mazeppa Basketball Game
2/21	NO SCHOOL
2/22	8:30 Chapel
2/25	NO SCHOOL
2/25-2/27	MLC Tournament
2/28	NO SCHOOL



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SERVING AT ST. JOHNS IN FEBRUARY

Pastor Robbin Robbert

ST. JOHN'S ELDERS:

Jesse Luhman, Scott Hinsch & Kenneth Schrimpf

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL BOARD:

Jacob Diercks, Jonathon Voth & Cameron Peterson

USHERS

Group 2 - Lee Strusz, Chad Hinsch, Kenny Ryan Jr.,
Trevor Ryan, Jonathon Voth, Travis Betcher,
Adam Callstrom, Lincoln Mehrkens, Jake Callstrom,
Derek Weckerling, Bradyn Hinsch

GREETERS

2/6 Ron and Liz Peters 2/13 David & Jill Voth
2/20 Rob and Shelly Ringeisen
2/27 Lee & Stacy Strusz

ACOLYTE

13 & 27 Libby Thomforde

Bible Study



Adult Bible Study with Pastor
Robbert every Sunday
from 10:15 - 11:00

High School Bible Study with
Mrs. Robbert will be the 13th
and 27th from 10:15 - 11:00

**Sunday School and Middle School
Meets** will be the 6th and 20th
from 10:15 - 11:00

St. John's Church Council

St. Johns will add a vision, future
growth committee
Approved a youth group coordinator
with Grace and St. Peters
39 students in K-8, 7 in preschool
March there will be a science fair, and
chili supper
Improvements to St. Johns school, new
flooring, and playground equipment
Improvements to church, floors refin-
ished, snow guards on roof (need to be
installed)

We would ❤️ for everyone to join us for

Family Fun Afternoon on February 20.

Event will be sledding and snow.

Location TBD.

Time is at 2:30pm.



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February 8, 2022

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