

The Mwembezhi Lutheran Rural Health Center in the central province of Zambia is an example of where love, compassion and care can be seen and demonstrated by so many, such as the health workers, the Government leadership and international groups. The Central Africa Medical Mission (CAMM) in the United States of America has been at the forefront of supporting the clinic both financially and materially. CAMM has continued to show Christ’s love through the provision of supplies and medicines for the clinic, as well as other Church group members and individuals who have provided pill bottles, blankets for babies and much other material support.

The clinic staff have shown love, compassion and care especially to the users of the health services being provided at the clinic. Those clients and care takers are grateful for the unique services offered at Mwembezhi that start each day with a morning devotion and scripture reading. People coming to the health center have for a long time appreciated how good it is to start off with the Word of God.

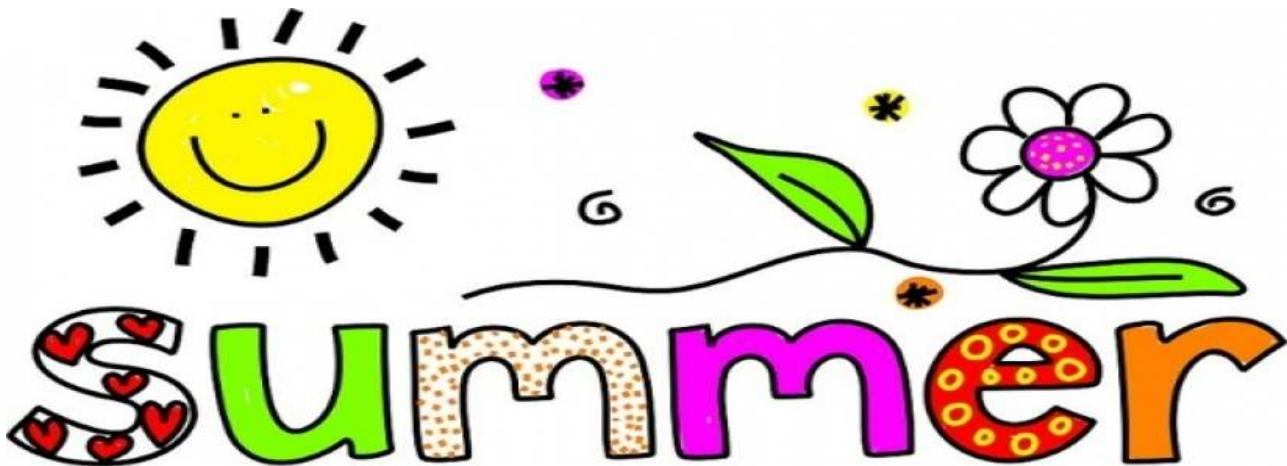
The declaration of the area as a district has seen an increase in the population which has now reached about fourteen thousand people. Population growth has also come with a lot of challenges such as the breakout of diseases such as cholera and other health issues that come as the result of the increased population. In the more than fifty (50) years of service at Mwembezhi, God has sustained HIS work through many men and women who have contributed in different ways and, in the effort of trying to do our best, we need also to remember to pray for strength for one another.

Ephesians 3:14-21

*For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen*

Finally, it is important in our Christian Journey to live by love, compassion and care as an expression of faith in Jesus Christ, our Savior from sin. People in general and especially those with health problems tend to appreciate and place Jesus Christ at the center of their lives reduces stress, and loneliness and helps with their health problems. If we can practice living like Christ, then the world’s problems can be diminished and a happy person can be a good contributor to the development of the gospel and world in general.

Respectively submitted, Alisad Banda (Clinic Administrator – Zambia)





# The Messenger

## July 2019 Newsletter

### I Need More...SECURITY

Everyone knows disappointment sooner or later. It’s that time when the car broke down, when national security was breeched, when we lost our job. It’s that time when doctors couldn’t cure us or our loved ones, our investments disappeared, friends disappointed us, when we disappointed ourselves.

We try to limit disappointment or prevent disappointment from becoming a disaster. We make promises. We buy insurance. We do our homework before making big decisions. We search for what is “guaranteed or your money back.” We go to the doctor recommended by trustworthy friends.



What we’re really looking for is security. We just want something we can count on; something that is stable; something that is safe and stays that way. But isn’t it striking that even with all the protection agencies, certifications, types of insurance, promises, and money-back guarantees in today’s world, we’re still left searching for more security?

When it comes to things that can threaten our sense of security, the possibilities appear endless. You probably have had that sinking feeling and said to yourself, “There’s always something. What am I supposed to do? If it’s not one thing, it’s another. Either *this* or *that*...”

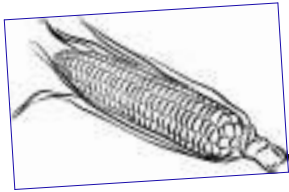
At such trying times, find strength from these verses in the Bible: “I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39).

Notice: “neither ‘*this*,’ nor ‘*that*’ will be able to separate us from the love of God...” The love of God is a faithful, stable, and dependable love. And if we want proof of that, we need only consider how God sent his only Son for us. Jesus came and died on the cross, and he rose again. Our sins weren’t too much for him to bear. Death itself could not hold him in his grave. Satan could not stop him from carrying out his mission. Many religious leaders hated Jesus. One of his own disciples betrayed him. One denied him. The rest abandoned him. And the vocal majority crucified him. Did any of these prevent Jesus from keeping God’s promise to save us? No! God’s love prevailed for the whole world, and now whoever believes in Jesus has eternal life!

God’s love will never disappoint you. Nothing in all creation can separate you from God and the power of his love in your life. For Jesus came, he died, and he rose again. We have this as our security: God’s love is guaranteed.

## EAT BEEF WITH FISH!

The FiSH group (Faith's Social Harbor) invites adults AND FAMILIES for an evening dinner at the Jackson County Beef Cookout. We'll meet Saturday, July 13, at 5 pm in the church parking lot of our BRF location. Then we'll head over to the fairgrounds for the cookout. They have a ribeye steak sandwich with sweet corn and ice cream for \$8 or all beef hot dog with sweet corn and ice cream for \$5. Come and enjoy some fellowship at a great community event!



## DAILY SUMMER DEVOTIONS

Remember those devotions last summer that were based off of Pastor's sermons? Well, we will do that again this summer! Starting Sunday, June 2, the ushers will hand out these devotions at the end of service. God's bless you as you and your family sit down together to discuss God's Word.

### **Daily Devotions**



## CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS MEETING

**SUNDAY, JULY 28 AT 11 A.M.**

**HELD IN BLACK RIVER FALLS**

## New Bible Study Starting in August

A new Bible Study will be starting on Thursday, August 8. The exact time in the evening and the place is yet to be determined. In this Bible Study we will be reading and discussing the book, "Will the Real Jesus please stand up? 12 False Christs." In order to make sure that you receive a book, please sign up in the gathering area at church. Watch the bulletin for more details as they become available.

## BRF LANDSCAPE BRIGADE

Consider helping the Landscape Brigade on Saturday, July 13, from 8:00-9:00 a.m. This month we will be putting down mulch and doing some weeding. The Landscape Brigade will meet the second Saturday of each month, April through October, from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Tools will be provided, but feel free to bring your own if you would like to.



## **BIBLE SOCCER CAMP NEEDS**



**Snacks:** With the Bible Soccer Camp fast approaching, it means we are in need of drinks and snacks. If you would be willing to make or bring some snacks for the week of August 5-7, please bring them in Sunday, July 28th, August 4th, or during the week of Bible Camp.

**Soccer Balls:** Would you happen to have a soccer ball(s) lying around your house? If you do, would you be willing to let Faith borrow it/them during Bible Soccer Camp. If this is possible, please bring them to church either July 28th or August 4th. Thank you.



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**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church** is a part of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a church body with congregations in all fifty states and missionaries in 25 countries.

**We are a Christ Preaching Church!** We believe, teach and confess that Jesus is God's own Son, who came into the world to be the Savior of all people so that through his sufferings, death and resurrection, we might have forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

**We Are A Bible Teaching Church!** We believe and teach that the Bible is the true and divinely inspired Word of God, the sole authority for Christian faith and life.

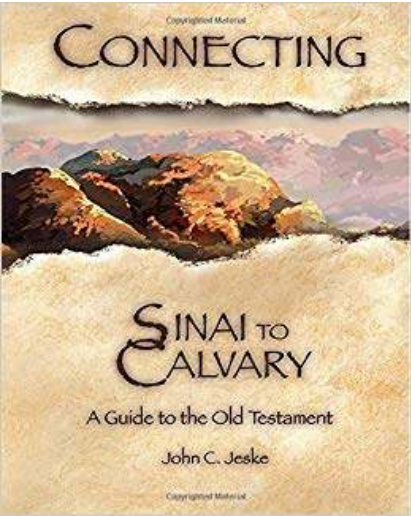
**The Messenger** is published monthly for the congregation and friends of Faith Ev. Lutheran Church. Its purpose is to provide information regarding all areas of congregational news and to offer enlightening articles.

Anyone wishing to contribute articles, please contact Laura Mueller at the following email address: [muellerlaura@hotmail.com](mailto:muellerlaura@hotmail.com) or Pastor Neumann either in person or at the following email address: [pastorjoelneumann@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjoelneumann@gmail.com). Newsletter deadline: The submission deadline is the next-to-the-last Sunday of each month.



**FROM THE LIBRARY**

Our church library located in the Fellowship Hall at the BRF location has the book, *Connecting Sinai to Calvary* by John C. Jeske. This is an easy-to-understand guide from creation in Genesis through the prophecy of Malachi. It tells the story of God's chosen people, our ancestors in faith. As the title states, the author connects Mt. Sinai to Calvary by showing that Jesus Christ is the center of the Old Testament.



To checkout, write the date, your name and the name of the book/DVD/CD in the notebook on the shelf.

To return, put the book/DVD/Cd into the basket on the shelf and cross out your entry in the notebook.



**Anniversaries**

Pastor Joel + Rachel Neumann 7/6  
Dale + Linda Jessie 7/12  
Christopher + Jennifer Bedell 7/20  
Ray + Judy Sommers 7/21  
Jim + Mary Christie 7/21

**Birthdays**

Denis Janke 7/1  
Jenny Goetzka 7/1  
Mikah Huggett 7/3  
Luke Spaude 7/3  
Wendy Mlsna 7/9  
Arianna Kiesow 7/10  
Brad Rahmlow 7/10  
Gerhart Sasman 7/21  
Nancy Templeton 7/11  
Ken Diener 7/15  
Garrett Jessie 7/17  
Brent Bacon 7/18  
Noah Neumann 7/23  
Karen Yahnke 7/24  
Ralph Jandt 7/26  
Jeff Nicolai 7/28

Dear CAMM Supporters,

Summer is almost officially here! The normal "signs" that indicate summer--everything turning green, school's out, vacations underway and hopefully the warmer temperatures all point to a time many look so forward to as the best season of the year. However, we Christians recently worshiped our Lord as He ascended into heaven to take His place at the right hand of God, the Father. He has promised us that he has gone ahead to prepare a place for us and that he will come again to take us to be where he is! That will most certainly be the best of all seasons--eternity in heaven with our Lord!!

Last month we heard about the trials and challenges associated with the rainy season in Malawi. Now that time is coming to an end in Africa and we have the joy of hearing from our new clinic administrator, Mr. Alisad Banda, at the Lutheran Mission Rural Health Center in Zambia. It is exciting to be learning more about and understanding the day to day routines that take place at our clinic in Zambia. It gives us an opportunity to know how we may be able to help them with possible projects and as always, things to support them with both financially and in prayer to our gracious God, whose message we share with those at our clinics. Enjoy this month's letter!

At this time, there is a need for donations to purchase a hemoglobin monitor to test for anemia, which is a health issue dealt with frequently in the clinics due to malaria and poor nutrition. The cost is approximately \$750 for the monitor and test strips, of which they use hundreds of each day at clinic. Interested donors can visit the CAMM website at [www.camm.us](http://www.camm.us) for an online donation or send a gift to WELS/CAMM, PO Box 64064, St. Paul, MN 55164-0064. Pill bottles are still on hold for Malawi but can be sent to Zambia. I will have more updates on future project status next month and at the upcoming Contact Woman's meeting in Iowa.

We thank our God for all of you and your continued love, support, prayers and gifts to CAMM and the work God allows us the privilege to carry out in sharing His message of salvation to the people of Malawi and Zambia.

In His Service and Love, Cheryl Valus, CAMM Contact Woman Coordinator

Therefore, as we  
have opportunity,  
let us do good to all people,  
especially to those  
who belong  
to the family of believers.  
Galatians 6:10

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY	
June 17th, 2019	
<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	
The meeting opened at 6:30 pm with Pastor Neumann leading us in a devotion on Understanding Law & Gospel – part 5.	
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
Pastor Neumann, Garrett Jessie, Dale Jessie, Jerry Kirchman, Dave Spaude, Grady Severson, Brad Rahmlow, Scott Templeton	
<u>PASTOR’S REPORT</u>	
Pastor presented a statistical report through the month of May	
Carolyn Diener will be asked to be a MLC liaison. There will also be at least one door offering with the proceeds going to MLC	
Conquerors through Christ cards will be placed in the bathrooms	
<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	
Brad presented a financial report showing a net loss of \$6100 through the first half of the year. MSC to accept financial report for June 2019	
<u>SPECIAL REPORTS</u>	
Council reviewed the Property committee report from Scott Templeton. Scott will be gathering quotes for blacktop resurfacing at both locations.	
There will be a new stained glass art that will be installed in the BRF location	
<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	
The church picnic will be held June 30 <sup>th</sup> in CAT at 10am, council members divided up things that would need to be supplied	
Brotherhood Mutual will be on site to provide a quote for building insurance in BRF and CAT	
<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm with Pastor leading us in the Lord’s Prayer	
Congregational Voters’ Meeting will be held in Black River Falls on July 28 at 11 a.m.	
Next Council Meeting will be held in Cataract August 12 <sup>th</sup> , 6pm.	
Recorded by Garrett Jessie	

CENTRAL AFRICA MEDICAL MISSION
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Let love, compassion and care be our prayer

The three words “love”, “compassion” and “care” define our work at the Mwembhezhi clinic. That definition is what Jesus Christ demonstrated while on earth as those words describe some of the characteristics of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the charge he gave to all believers. Showing love, compassion and care can speak volumes through acts of service to the Lord and for one another. Jesus Christ was able to demonstrate all these qualities of Christian life through his ministry on earth.

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# YOU ARE INVITED TO BIBLE SOCCER CAMP

CAMP WILL BE HELD AT

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
N6598 COUNTY ROAD A  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI

The Bible Soccer Camp is for children ages 4-13.

The Bible Soccer Camp will be held August 5 – August 7 (Come each day or some of the days).

The Bible Soccer Camp will be held from 9 – 12 p.m. each day.

There is no cost for this Bible Soccer Camp. Each child will receive a t-shirt and water bottle. Snacks are provided each day.

The Bible Soccer Camp activities will include physical training and Bible studies. Each child should have appropriate footwear and shin guards. If you do not have shin guards, they will be provided.

The Bible Soccer Camp registration can be done online at [www.faithwels.com](http://www.faithwels.com) or by filling out a registration sheet found in the gathering area. Questions? Call 284-0772.