



## FELLOWSHIP CORNER

“Get to know your fellow worshiper”

Spotlight on: **Richard and Lisa Treptow**

Rick and Lisa joined our congregation at the beginning of May and you can find them worshipping at our Black River Falls location. They are blessed with two children, Teddy and Courtney, and enjoy spoiling their 2 grandchildren – Noah (age 8) and Marshall (age 5).

Rick works for Gerke Excavating as a heavy equipment operator and Lisa at LKiChoice as a home health provider.

Some of the hobbies and activities that Rick enjoys are golfing, woodworking, gardening and playing board games and cards.

Some of the hobbies and activities that Lisa enjoys are quilting, cross counted stitching, Bible journaling, gardening, photography and playing board and card games.

*Next month's fellowship corner – Warren & Joni Timm and family*



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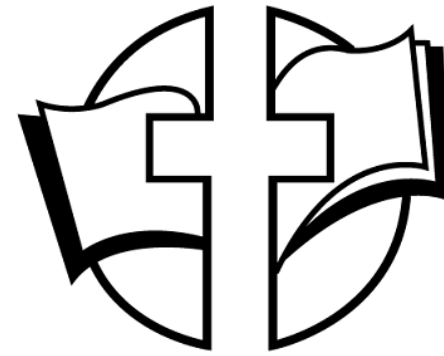
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**We are a Christ Preaching Church!** We believe, teach and confess that Jesus is God's own Son, who came into the world to be the Savior of all people so that through his sufferings, death and resurrection, we might have forgiveness of sins and eternal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

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## The Messenger

**June 2019 Newsletter**

### *I Need More... REST*

People put in many hours of work each week. Weeknight evenings are filled with activities for children and meetings of all sorts. When the weekend rolls around, there are many activities that we want to participate in. There are sports for children, recreation for families, and leisurely interests for individuals. Hours on Saturday are taken up by home improvement projects or needed maintenance. By the end of it all we are tired.

Finally, it is Sunday morning, a day of rest, and I get to sleep in. It is the one morning that if I don't get out of bed, my work will not call, and my children will not bother me. Nothing much happens on Sunday morning, so it is a good time to relax. I get so tired during the week. I need more rest and Sunday seems to be the perfect day to get it.

But, if we sleep in on Sunday morning, we may be well

rested physically but spiritually we will be exhausted.

On the front wall of a sister WELS church I once visited there was this Bible passage. “Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). Those are Jesus' words. It is his invitation to provide rest, not for our bodies but for our souls. No doubt, there were plenty of times people walked into that church physically tired, but they always received rest for their souls.



They heard a message about their sin and Jesus' forgiveness. They were reminded every time that they had real rest in Jesus. They had the rest of a clear conscience because they were assured that Jesus took their sins away with his death and resurrection. They had the rest of knowing that when they died, they would rest eternally with Jesus. They had the rest of knowing that the same Savior who loved them enough to die for them is ruling all things in this world for them, and for the benefit of all his people.

Such a busy life! It makes you wish you could have more rest. You do! In Jesus you have the rest you truly need. Our church may not have that Bible passage printed on its walls, but through the Word of God you hear, you will receive rest for your soul in Jesus. This coming Sunday morning, and then the next one after that, and then again after that—come and get some rest with us at church. It is good for your soul.

## **Church Picnic**

Our annual joint worship service and picnic this year will be Sunday, **June 30, at 10 a.m.** This service will take place at our **Cataract location** this year. Even if this isn't the location where you usually worship, let us make the effort to gather around God's Word that morning (when don't we need to do that) and rejoice in the fellowship we have. The food will be provided that day and games for all will be played after lunch!



**June 30  
10 am  
Cataract**

## **LESSONS THEY WOULDN'T TELL YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

Regular Sunday Bible Class and Sunday School will take a break for the summer. But that doesn't mean we want to take a break from the word of God. For this reason we will meet for a short 4-week Bible Study after our late service in Black River Falls. We will meet the first four Sunday's in June. Our Bible Class topic—*Bible Lessons They Wouldn't Tell You in Sunday School*. All are welcome—even your children. Here is a list of our lessons:

*June 2—Rahab's Red-Light District—  
Joshua 2, 6:20-25*

*June 9—Ehud's Covert Op—Judges 3:12-30  
June 16—Sorry, Honey, A Deal's a Deal!—  
Judges 11*

*June 23—The Levite Goes Ballistic—Judges  
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## **Youth Group**

The youth group will meet in Black River Falls on Sunday, June 16 from 2-3:30 p.m. Our youth group includes all those in 7-12 grade. **Those who will be entering the 7th grade in the fall are invited to start coming this month.**



**June 16 from 2-3:30 p.m**

## **SUMMER SERVICE TIME CHANGE**

**First Sunday of Change:  
Sunday, May 26**

**Last Sunday for Change:  
Sunday, September 1**

**New Times: Cataract – 8 a.m.  
Black River Falls – 9:45 a.m.**



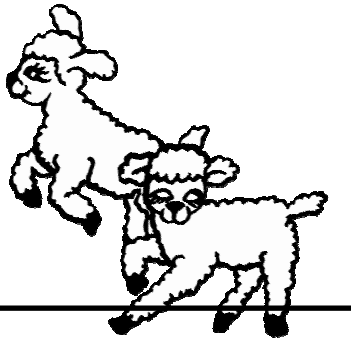
## **Daily Summer Devotions**

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.



## **MEETINGS AND GROUP GATHERINGS THIS MONTH**

Outreach—Thursday, June 6 @ 6 p.m. in Black River Falls  
Child Protection Ad Hoc – Saturday, June 8 @ 9 a.m. in Black River Falls  
Elders – Thursday, June 13 @ 6:30 p.m. in Black River Falls  
Youth Group – Sunday, June 16 @ 2 p.m. in Black River Falls  
Council – Monday, June 17 @ 6:30 p.m. in Black River Falls



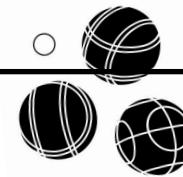
## **Have you considered teaching Sunday School?**

“... Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” (John 21:15) If you would like to serve by teaching Sunday School this year, please let Pastor Neumann or Brad Markhardt know by Sunday, June 30. This is a wonderful opportunity to nourish our children's faith with the precious truths of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will continue using our synod's Christ-Light® materials, which provide teachers with easy to follow, step-by-step lessons.



## **Bocce ball with FiSH!**

The FiSH group (Faith's Social Harbor) invites adults for an evening of Bocce ball (pronounce buh-chee). This is a fun lawn game involving simply rolling balls. Experience is NEVER required with any of our activities – come, learn and have fun! We'll meet Saturday, June 8, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the BRF building location. This is a great opportunity for you to invite a friend, relative, or coworker. FiSH is our social group geared toward recreational activities for adults, single or married, younger or older.



## **June Anniversaries**

Greg + Elaine Fatla 6/8  
Ken + Carolyn Diener 6/15  
Mark + Laura Mueller 6/17  
Chad + Jenny Goetzka 6/24  
Brad + Kelly Rahmlow 6/26

## **May Birthdays**

Wyatt Anderson 6/2  
Janeen Folgers 6/4  
Roger Olson 6/5  
Nancy Kirchman 6/11  
Pastor Joel Neumann 6/16  
Ian Timm 6/17  
Malachi Neumann 6/17  
Mary Sasman 6/17  
Tyler Jessie 6/19  
Kristopher Schwartzenberger 6/21  
Adalee Laufenberg 6/24  
Rachel Neumann 6/24  
Alisa Volk 6/24  
Cooper Fatla 6/25  
Sherry Bue 6/28



May 2019 Newsletter

Since the beginning of 2019, I have been making monthly trips to our clinic at Mwembezhi, Zambia. That's a bit unusual for the Malawi administrator, but so are the circumstances. Following a field trip to Zambia in the summer of 2018, and in consultation with the Zambia Mission, CAMMC made the decision to hire a Zambian National as Clinic Administrator. In late December 2018, Pastor Dan Sargent who had somehow managed to include Clinic Administrator among all his other duties left Zambia to take a Call back in the United States. With Dan's departure, so went a lot of institutional memory, and the person who would likely train and mentor our new administrator. Hence my trips to Zambia.

The change in administration has not affected patient care. The medical side of clinic operations has been managed very successfully for years by Mr. Jackson Kalekwa. Jackson is a Lutheran Church of Central Africa (LCCA) member who is something of a local icon and as Clinical Officer-in-Charge has led the effort to provide high quality Christian based health care to the villages served by the clinic. The clinic was given a certificate of excellence for its quality assurance program in health care delivery by the Zambian Ministry of Health.

In January 2019, Mr. Alisad Banda was appointed to be our Clinic Administrator. Alisad is a mature Christian and longtime LCCA member who is married with two children. Until joining CAMM, Alisad worked for the LCCA Board of Charities, managing their home-based health care programs. He is very familiar with the operations at Mwembezhi as he has been involved in various issues related to the clinic. He is currently in the process of completing his degree in Public Health.

Alisad's background, experience and qualifications make him a natural fit for the position. Add in a Christian heart and mind, a character that believes in hard work, someone who is respectful of the past but looks for improvement, a desire to learn, a belief in team building and inclusiveness, plus a great sense of humor and you can see that hiring Alisad Banda as our Administrator was an easy decision. Alisad clearly understands that his role as administrator in Zambia is to provide Christian leadership and to ensure that the medical staff at Mwembezhi have the resources and support they need.

As Alisad goes through the orientation process, he is gradually learning the job duties such as reporting, accounting, ordering and delivering supplies, petty cash management, payroll, vehicle and property maintenance, insurance, staff discipline and human resources, licensing, government and institutional relations etc. Alisad is a quick learner and is doing well in his new role. We are blessed and thankful to have him as part of our team.

We have also created a Zambian Lutheran Medical Council. The purpose of the council is to provide guidance and support to the clinic – but not to run it, and to serve as an information conduit to the LCCA and the Zambia Mission. As an example, budgets, changes in pay and clinic conditions are presented to the medical council for their input and advice but are ultimately approved by CAMMC. The Council is comprised of 5 five members: Our Mission Liaison (chair), The Chairman of the LCCA – Zambia, The Chairman of the LCCA-Zambia Board of Charities, The Director of African Mission Operations, and The Malawi Lutheran Mobile Clinic Administrator. Having our African brothers on the team provides a unique perspective when dealing with African issues. The group has only met once, but we are already seeing positive results as we are making progress in dealing with longstanding clinic land and housing issues.

One of CAMM's long term goals is to turn more of the responsibility for running the clinics over to Zambian and Malawi nationals. This is a big step in that direction. We ask that you please pray for God's blessings for the future of the medical mission in Africa, for Alisad and his family and for the Zambian Lutheran Medical Council.

Gary Evans - Malawi Lutheran Mobile Clinic Administrator

# **United Voices of Praise**

## **Concert in the Park!**

Get ready to hear a joyful noise about Jesus out loud in our community! On Tuesday, June 25, our congregation will sponsor The United Voices of Praise Gospel Choir from St. Marcus Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, led by Pastor Mark Jeske (Time of Grace Ministries). It will be held in the Lunda Community Park beginning at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be in halves, with a sermonette by Pastor Jeske in the middle.

This is obviously a major activity for our church. It involves outreach (to reach beyond) and evangelism (the sharing of the gospel) on both corporate (relating to a large group – our congregation) and personal (coming from an individual – you) levels. This is an event for our church members to invite family and friends to, especially those without a knowledge of their Savior Jesus Christ. There will be public information about this event, but personal invitation is still the most effective method.

This activity will require a coordinated effort among our church members. We will have a potluck supper with the Gospel Choir at 5:00 p.m. in the upper shelter of the Lunda Park. This will be an awesome opportunity to share fellowship with WELS members that serve in a very urban setting. Please mark your calendars and prayerfully start considering who you will invite to this lively event!

### **FROM THE LIBRARY**



The "Teen" section of our church library located in the Fellowship Hall at our BRF location has the book, Life's Big Questions God's Big Answers by Brad Alles.

The purpose of this book is to help young people defend their faith. What is a Worldview? Does Creation explain the world? Was Noah's Flood a true worldwide event? Did Jesus really exist? These are a few of the questions answered by this resource.

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.

### **BRF Landscape Brigade**

Consider helping the Landscape Brigade on Saturday, June 8, from 8:00-9:00 a.m. This month we will focus on weeding and mulching the big bank planting bed. 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.



Worship Corner—Looking Ahead in June

June 2 – 7th Sunday of Easter

Focus – This Easter season we have been studying how Jesus’ resurrection is a picture of our victory. We finish up this sermon series by looking at Revelation 22:12-17,20 and see the victory prayer that is ours – “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.”

Readings: Revelation 22:12-17,20; Acts 16:6-10; John 17:20-26

Hymns: 558, 359, 750, 169

June 9 – The Day of Pentecost

Focus – I will pour out my Spirit. God’s Old Testament people celebrated the gathering of the harvest at the Festival of Weeks. On the fiftieth day, God sent the promised Counselor on the day we call “Pentecost” (Greek for “fifty”). This day marked the birthday of the New Testament Church and celebrates the harvest of souls won by the Son and gathered by his servants empowered by his Spirit. Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church and has been set aside as a day for worship since at least 217 A.D. The Church dresses in red to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit’s gift as well as the blood of the martyrs. This day brings to a close the Season of Easter as our risen Lord now empowers his people to be witnesses of the resurrection for the world.

Readings: Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26,27

Hymns: 263, 176, 186, 723

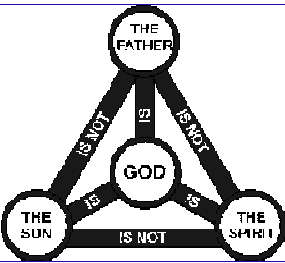


June 16 – Holy Trinity Sunday

Focus – Sometimes a child will ask their parents why they are supposed to do something, and the answer given is simply, “Because I said so.” Remember those words? Well, why do we do what we do during worship? It’s more than just “because someone said so.” There is meaning behind the form and function of our worship. There is meaning behind our liturgy. On this Sunday we begin a sermon series on “The Liturgy: Our Path of Worship.” We begin where everything must begin, with our Triune God – “In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” We call this the invocation. Come find out why we do what we do and what it’s all about.

Readings: Matthew 28:16-20; 1 John 5:5-12; Genesis 28:10-22

Hymns: 195, 177, 262, 332



June 23 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Focus – The Path of Worship we focus on this week is the Confession and Absolution. God’s people live in daily repentance, so as we gather in the presence of God we are invited to confess our inherited and actual sins and ask God to grant us forgiveness because of Jesus’ perfect life and innocent death. Then, we get to hear the pure Gospel as the words of forgiveness are spoken with no strings attached.

Readings: 2 Samuel 12:1-13; Acts 3:12-20; Luke 5:27-32

Hymns: 255, 308, 383

June 30 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Focus – The Path of Worship we focus on this week is the Word. We often speak of our worship form as being “liturgical.” In a general understanding of the word, a liturgy is a formal order of worship. Our liturgy is meant to focus the attention of the church on Christ and his means of grace – the gospel in the word and in the sacraments. That’s why this Sunday we focus on the Word. What a fitting thing to focus on since this Sunday we gather for a joint service – it is the Word that draws us together into the beautiful fellowship that we share.

Readings: 2 Peter 1:12-21; Luke 16:19-31; 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Hymns: 735, 280, 289

4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WELS NIGHT AT THE LOGGERS

The date this year is Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Loggers will be playing the Wilmar Sting-ers. Gates open at 4:00 p.m. at Copeland Park in La Crosse, WI for a 5:05 p.m. game time. Ticket price is \$10.00 which includes a reserved bleacher back seat and a Loggers hat! The La Crosse Loggers organization will return \$5.00 of that price to the Friends of Luther as a fund-raiser.

All tickets will be purchased through the Logger’s office. Their address is 1225 Caledonia St in La Crosse; the phone number is 608-796-9553. You may also order tickets online at lacrosseloggers.com using the promo code WELS. Be aware there is a \$1.75 processing fee per ticket when ordering online.

Be sure to mention you are part of the WELS night to get tickets with our group. For your ticket to be a part of the fundraiser, you must purchase by Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. For the best seating options, order early!

If you would like to throw out the first pitch, sing the National Anthem or be the hon-ored Veteran for the evening, please call Carla Korthals at 608-269-1675 and let her know by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Carla Korthals at 608-269-1675.



WELS NIGHT AT MILLER PARK

Tickets are now on sale for the sixth annual WELS Night at Miller Park. Plan to join thousands of WELS members for the Milwaukee Brewers’ game against the San Francisco Gi-ants on Fri., July 12, 2019. Game time is 7:10 p.m.

The Brewers are offering WELS members up to 50 percent off the price of tickets. The pricing is Field Outfield Box, Sections 128-131 for \$21/ticket, Loge Outfield Box, Sections 229-232 for \$17/ticket, or Terrace Reserved, Sections 436-437 for \$9/ticket. All seats are on the third base side. Discounted tickets are now available to purchase online at [brewers.com/wels](http://brewers.com/wels).

Last year more than 2,400 WELS witnessed a dramatic walk-off home run as the Brew-ers defeated the Rockies in the bottom of the ninth inning. The epic three-run blast topped off a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship for the fifth annual WELS night at Miller Park. “Since several seating sections were filled with members wearing the royal blue WELS Night at Miller Park t-shirts, we have decided to offer the same shirt again this year in youth and adult sizes,” says Lee Hitter, WELS Director of Communica-tions.

Shirt orders will be available soon. Visit [wels.net/brewers2019](http://wels.net/brewers2019) to learn more.

