

# Peace Notes

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## *Past-or Present*

It was at this time last year that the Michels undertook a unique “spring cleanup” project. In preparation for our upcoming move to Wisconsin, we began going through all of our “stuff” at home as well as at my office and discarding all of the things that could be accurately labeled JUNK... junk which was taking up too much space...junk which was getting in the way of the things that we really need and use...junk that we really did not want to move to Wisconsin.

Those of you who have relocated at some point in your life know that a move reveals in a big way how much junk we really do tend to accumulate. Every so often this kind of “spring



cleaning” event is in order, even if it isn’t always springtime.

The writer of the Book of Hebrews also speaks of tossing away junk. Through this inspired writer, God encourages us to throw away the junk that takes up space in our lives and gets in the way of what’s truly important. In Hebrews we read, **“Let us lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with**

*Connecting people to Christ... and His community.*

**endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:1-2).**

Indeed, much junk accumulates in our lives – our impure thoughts, our harsh words, our offensive actions. Our repeating failures, our reoccurring doubts, and our burdening guilt also stack up. All of this takes up space in our lives and gets in the way of what’s really important, namely our relationship with God and with those whom He has placed in our lives. All of this “junk” truly hinders the life which God has given to us to live in His name.

God sees and knows our cluttered lives, and He comes in for a major cleaning. Through His Word and Sacraments God comes in for a cleaning and takes out the “trash,” that is, the sin “which clings so closely.”

- By means of His Word, God points out the sinful junk and then declares us clean. **“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow” (Isaiah 1:18).**
- As Martin Luther writes in the Small Catechism, our Baptism indicates that the Old Adam—the “junk-filled” sinful nature in us—**“should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.”**
- The hymn-writer describes our reception of the Lord’s Supper: **“Here would I feed upon the bread of God, Here drink with thee the royal wine of heav’n; Here would I lay aside each earthly load, Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv’n.” (LBW 211:2).**

Our sin made white, a new man arising to live before God in righteousness and purity, each earthly load laid aside—all of the “trash” of sin

has been removed and piled on Jesus, who endured the cross for us and left the junk of our lives buried in the tomb when He rose again.

With purified hearts and minds, by God’s grace, we can focus on what is truly important in life, namely our Savior Jesus, who perfects our faith.

With our crucified and risen Lord, “spring cleaning” is always a good thing...even when it isn’t spring.

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*+ Pastor*

*Pastor*

*Galatians 2:20*



### *News from Our President*

The Ministry Council continues to explore possible options to meet the needs of Little Lambs Academy. We want to be sure we have considered and evaluated all options before coming to the congregation for a final decision.

A Ministry Action Team is being formed to identify what needs to be done for facility maintenance on a regular basis. This check list will be used to inspect and log various preventative maintenance items on a predefined timeline. Items such as water softener salt, furnace filters, lights, etc. will be checked and maintained on an appropriate schedule. In the long run this process should save us money and emergency repair costs.

Greg Matz has volunteered to manage our Founders Hall roof project. Greg is forming a small team that will evaluate the studies and work that has already been completed and move the project forward to completion from there. Thank you very much Greg for taking on this important project.

This is the time of the year that the Ministry Council begins working on next year's budget. We need to have this process complete and ready to present to the congregation at our annual June voters meeting. Review and monitoring the church's finances is not a once a year process but something the MC does on a monthly basis. The MC has decided it would be prudent to give the congregation quarterly financial updates as well. Beginning with the first quarter of this year you will notice a brief financial statement integrated into your individual quarterly giving's statements. Please feel free to see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Verl Wolf is one of our long term members that most of you may know as one of our longest serving ushers. What you might not know about Verl is that he is a very skilled woodworker and uses his talents in many ways to serve our church and the Lord. Among the many projects Verl has completed for us are making 2 tables on casters for the office and narthex, the box we use each service to collect bulletins at the end of the service, the wood plaques we use to record each baptism, and extension table top for the ushers stand. In addition to these projects Verl also takes home and rehabs our pew chairs as needed.

Thank you Verl for all you do to help keep Peace in good shape.

*Jim Dumke*  
*Peace Ministry Council,*



### *A Report from the Field*

As some of you know, I have spent much time volunteering in the Mayan communities of Guatemala building water systems and bridges with engineering service organizations. I wanted to share with you the story of Nueva Providencia.

The community was formed when the local church purchased a coffee plantation and people who had to leave their homes due to the threat of landslides were allowed to purchase a subsidized mortgage. Father Gregg asked that I help lay out the home lots and insisted that each lot was exactly the same size to ensure fairness – a task that would intrigue any Engineer.

Since the community was located across a river that could not be crossed for six months of the year, a bridge was requested. The project required a three-way partnership, where the community would provide all the labor and the local government along with Engineers Without Borders would provide the materials and equipment.

This is a small community of only 60 families and they were deeply troubled when I indicated that they would need to gather enough stones to fill six dump trucks. On top of that herculean task, they also needed to gather, wash, and sieve by hand several dump truck loads of sand and gravel. They were afraid the project might be canceled if they told me about their concern.

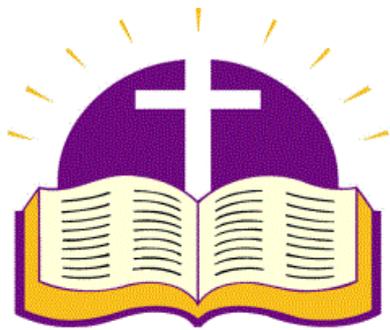
I explained to them that with many hands all things were possible and suggested that they do the work over several months, scheduling work days when they could work together as a community, working “slow and steady like the turtle.”

One year later, we celebrated the completion of the bridge, and Father Gregg blessed the bridge and all its workers. The community then presented me with a very special gift. They thanked me not for the help but for the confidence that I had in them. They thanked me for having faith in them, even when they did not think they could do it. They then presented me with a small, hand-carved wooden turtle.

One of the many things that Father Gregg taught me is the value of hope. The gift of hope and encouragement is many times the most powerful gift we can give each other. God gives us hope through our prayers. We also support each other in times of despair by giving encouragement and hope. As the Mayans say, "A problem shared is only half a problem".

Of course, the wooden turtle holds a special place on my desk. I take encouragement from it in times of "hopelessness" and think often of the gift that my friends at Nueva Providencia gave to me.

*Mike Paddock  
Professional Engineer and Surveyor*



### *Fun Bible Quiz for Kids & Adults!*

The life of Jesus is one we have read about often in the four Gospels. How well do you think you know about His life and activities? Test yourself on this Bible quiz about the life of Jesus to find out.

Questions:

1. Who ordered the census which brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem?

2. Where did Joseph, Mary and Jesus live?
3. What type of work did Joseph (Jesus' earthly father) do?
4. How old was Jesus when He first taught in the temple?
5. How long was it before Joseph and Mary discovered Jesus was missing?
6. Where was Jesus baptized and by whom?
7. What was the first recorded miracle of Jesus?
8. What was Jesus doing when the disciples were scared during a storm on the sea?
9. Who anointed Jesus' feet with an expensive perfume and then dried His feet with her hair?
10. How many people did Jesus raise from the dead?
11. How many loaves of bread and fish did Jesus use to feed the 5000 in John 6?
12. What was Jesus' final command to the disciples before ascending to Heaven?

*(see answers on page 9 )*

### *Little Lambs News:*

#### Did you know?

Little Lambs is now offering summer care for kids whose parents work. So our building will be filled with the joy of children's sweet voices and the pitter patter of little feet all year long now. It's such a joy to have the opportunity to serve God's children and families in this new way! Praise God! He is working in bold ways through the preschool these days! We are truly blessed!

Little Lambs is hiring Infant/Toddler teachers for the fall. If you know anyone who adores babies, is a qualified early childhood educator, and is looking to serve God's Little Lambs, please contact Joanne in the office. I am

accepting applications now! Please spread the word among your professional and personal circles. It's crucial that we find faith-filled teachers whose expertise is with infants.

### **Summer Serving Opportunities:**

Do you want to serve but can't make long-term commitments? How about considering helping with one of the summer projects that need to be done. We'll need a team of willing helpers, so please contact Joanne in the office if you'd like to help! Youth and adults welcome!

- Painting classrooms, the ramp and the stairway (many hands make light work!) I feel a painting party coming on!!! Food is included for all workers to sweeten the deal!
- Semi-annual maintenance of the playground equipment (tightening bolts, checking things over for safety)
- Staining/painting playground equipment



### **You're invited!**

46 students will be graduating from 4K and going on to Kindergarten in the fall! You are invited to join the festivities on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony is at 10:00am with a reception to follow in Founder's Hall. Every year, there are a few church families who like to join us. We'd LOVE to see more church families support our school families. If you're available, please come and celebrate with us!

*Joanne Webb*

## *Women Connected in Prayer*



### **The Spice of Life**

A popular phrase assures us "Variety is the spice of life!" You've probably said it yourself—but in what context? Perhaps having the courage to try new things. Or trying to make your life more interesting. Or perhaps just doing something different from your normal routine to avoid boredom.

I have a suggestion: whatever meaning fits your perspective, re-examine it in connection to Psalm 34:8a, which says "*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*"

All the wonderful things in this world come from God. He has created it for us, but sometimes we hesitate to enjoy or take part in its opportunities. One of those wonderful opportunities could be joining Women Connected in Prayer.

I stepped out of my comfort zone four years ago to be a prayer partner, and since then I've had a new partner each year (which is what most women in the group do). Each woman has been an outstanding support of help, not only in my prayer life, but also in her friendship; I've tried to be the same for her. My life has been richer for it, and I've found that my relationship with God is deeper.

I encourage you to see what the Lord has to offer you in becoming a prayer partner. "Taste and see that the Lord is GOOD!"

If you would like to have a prayer partner, fill out an Information Card and envelope (located on the bulletin board near the coatroom). Write your name on the outside of the envelope and place it in the Women Connected in Prayer mailbox. You will soon be contacted with the name of your prayer partner.

Questions? Contact Sue Getzel (414-573-4776; susangetzel@gmail.com)

## *Ladies that Lunch*

On the First Thursday of each month all women of the congregation and friends or family are invited to join the Ladies that Lunch group for some good eats and fun fellowship.

We go to a different restaurant each month, some old favorites and others new to us. It is a great way to get to know each other as we share what's happening in our lives and give support and encouragement to each other. We've always got an extra seat and would love to have you join us!

On Thursday, May 3, @ 11:30 we'll be at Golden Gate, 1427 E Racine Ave in Waukesha. (just beyond Hwy 164/59 & Racine Ave) You can join a carpool that will leave from Peace's College Ave. parking lot at 11:00. Just sign up at the info desk – we need to make reservations.

Each month we also collect for a charity, or organization. We've donated to various non-profits as well as to Peace's own fundraising efforts.

We hope you'll consider joining us sometime! Even if you work, it's a nice way to spend a long lunch hour or some vacation time.

*Melody Erblich*



### *LWML Convention News*

*And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church. (Ephesians 1:22)*

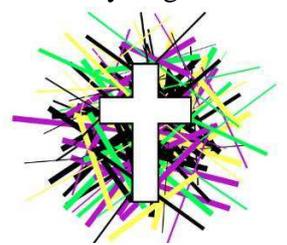
**Jesus is in Control.** This is the theme for the LWML English District Convention, held in Grand Rapids, MI April 26-29. Melody

Erblich and Sue Getzel are attending the convention as delegates; Buzz Getzel is also attending, as non-voting participant. You will get a full report in May, so be sure to read next month's article!

This is what we expect to do at the convention:

- ✦ Worship—We begin on Friday evening with a Festival Worship at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Dorr and close with Worship on Sunday morning.
- ✦ Servant Events—We will take part in assembling Cancer Care Kits. Again, thank you for your donations of items and money!
- ✦ Formal Meetings of the English District LWML—We'll vote on Mission Grants to support over the next biennium, officers, and by-law changes.
- ✦ Bible Study, Guest Speakers, Song and Praise
- ✦ Exhibit Hall
- ✦ Fellowship, Fun, and Food (after all, it's a church meeting!)

Please pray for Melody and Sue, that they might vote with confidence that Jesus is in control of the LWML English District's biennial plan. Pray for a safe journey to Michigan and back. And pray that they can bring the excitement of the Convention back to Peace to invigorate our own ministries. Thank you.



### *The Mighty Power of the Mite!*

*And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins [mites], which make a penny.  
(Mark 12:42)*

Thank you so much for faithfully dropping coins into your mite boxes! Here is what has already been accomplished and your mite

contributions through LWML's Mission Grants at the National Level. 18 Mission Grants still need to be funded before June 2019 in order to fill all the mission grants approved last June at the National LWML Convention.

Please pray for continued contributions from the heart and success for these missions through the power of the Holy Spirit.



† **\$100,000 given to Mercy House for Women and Children**—to renovate and furnish a residential facility which will house six to eight homeless, pregnant, and/or abused women and their children. Located in one of the poorest cities in America, Flint, MI, the home will attempt to break the cycle of poverty and decrease the potential for abuse by housing women and children in a safe, caring, Christian environment, where the best practices of parenting and relationship building can be modeled and taught.

† **\$25,000 given to the Tanzanian Sewing Center**—to fund the Bishop Makala Sewing Center to teach young women sewing, life skills, and the Gospel. In southeastern Tanzania, many young women from villages do not attend school or have jobs, and so seek unskilled jobs in larger towns, often with no means of supporting themselves. The Sewing Center will provide classrooms and housing to teach sewing skills so that within one year of training, these women will have pocket money, be able to purchase a sewing machine, and buy materials to create sewn items to sell for income.

† **\$100,000 given to Current Missionary Need**—to help sustain LCMS mission projects. Mission Central (in Mapleton, Iowa) provides continued support for missionaries throughout the world to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by providing a variety of missionary resources such as orientation and training, language training, transportation to and in the country of service and on furlough, various types of insurance, housing, medical care, utilities, and education of missionary children.

† **\$36,500 given to the Prison and Jail Ministry 2018 Synod-wide Conference**—to support *The Prison and Jail Ministry Conference*, which enables over 200 lay and clergy participants from 30 of our LCMS districts to learn about the importance of prison and jail ministry as well as networking with one another for best practices and support of each other in a very difficult mission and ministry. A number of LCMS districts are already participating in a Prison and Jail Ministry, and a Synod-wide Conference will allow these ministries to continue and expand as changes and new developments continue in the federal and state criminal justice systems. Grant funds would help pay for the expenses involved in hosting a conference.

*Sue Getzel*

### ***Let's Go to the Theatre***

Join us on Thursday, June 28, as we travel to the Fireside Theatre for lunch and the play "A Second Helping – The Church Basement Ladies Sequel". Enjoy the antics of the faithful Church Basement Ladies as they serve the Lord and their church community during the turbulent year 1969.

We'll carpool from Peace, leaving at 9:30 for the 11:15 lunch and 1:30 show; returning to Peace around 4:30. The cost for this delightful afternoon is \$82.24, payable to Melody Erbllich.

You must sign up at the Info Desk by June 12, so tickets can be ordered on the 13<sup>th</sup>. See Melody Erbllich with any questions.

*Melody Erbllich*

## *Guatemala Mission Trip*

It is not too late to join the team! Planning has begun for our Guatemalan mission trip and the dates are set for November 3-10, 2018! We have our assigned lesson - the Bible account from Joshua 2:1-24 (Joshua sends spies to Jericho), which we will be teaching to separate groups of adults, teens and children at four different locations in Guatemala. Each teaching session is only an hour long so it is kind of like a fast pace VBS. We do songs, the Bible account, a memory verse and a craft and have a lot of fun in the process!

Joanne Webb will take the lead with the children, Andrew Cordy will be in charge of the teens and I will work with the adults. The three of us were on the last Peace trip to Guatemala and so we have the experience to make this a positive experience for anyone else who comes along on this trip.

We are inviting you to join us on this excellent experience! We are looking for adults for this trip but will also take mature teenagers if a parent will be accompanying them. The most important thing to have is a servant's heart. Please pray about it and ask God if it is for you. I am certain that He will let you know if you should join our team.

This trip is a wonderful experience and you will be able to see how the average Guatemalan lives both in the capitol city and out in the county. We will be working with the two American missionaries Kevin And Ginny

Holmes who started Groundwork Guatemala, and several Guatemalan missionaries who translate for us. So, do not worry if you don't know Spanish. I don't and it has never been a problem! When there are no teams from the USA, which is most of the time, the Guatemalan missionaries teach at the same four sites, so they can bring God's word to the people every week!

One of the things I love about this trip is the home visits. This is when we get an opportunity to visit the homes of Guatemalan families. It is a humbling experience when you realize that they consider it an honor to have someone visit from so far away. We learn a bit about what is going on in their lives and use scripture to encourage them and also pray over them. The experience will be memorable for sure!

The cost is also quite reasonable for a foreign mission trip as Groundworks Guatemala only charges \$175 per team member for housing, food and water. The bulk of the cost of the trip is airfare which could be anywhere from \$400 to \$800 depending on if we fly out of Milwaukee or Chicago.

Please pray about this experience! Every Christian could benefit in their walk with Christ by participating in a foreign mission trip. For more info, please contact me at 414-870-6461 or [MThompson1234t@gmail.com](mailto:MThompson1234t@gmail.com). Blessings to you.

## *Military Biblestick*

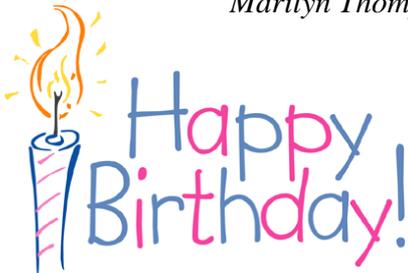
May is National Military Appreciation Month! Please be sure to thank all the Veterans, Active Duty Service members and National Guard personnel that you know! They have all made a sacrifice to serve our country and we appreciate them immensely!

Last month we collected money to purchase Military Biblesticks. These small digital audio players are designed specifically for the safety of deployed Troops and contain a dramatized reading of the New Testament and selected Psalms. For only \$25 we were able to purchase

a Military Biblestick for a service member and also be able to provide a digital bible for the family at home as well.

Thanks to everyone who donated to this worthy cause. Every Biblestick that we provided will be appreciated as the demand for them is so great and there is nothing like the comfort that the word of God can bring!

*Marilyn Thompson*



### *May Birthdays*

Richard Schopf	May 2
Sue Slottke	May 3
Vergil McArthur	
Debra Olson	
Carrie Peterson	May 4
Linda Maris	
James Peterson	May 6
Anna Bennett	
Duane Miller	May 7
Joe Olson	May 8
David Beyer	
Bryce Fehrenbacher	
Tom Roberson	May 10
Shirley Montano	
Matthew Schneider III	May 11
Sharon Bartholomay	
Blake Kleinhans	May 12
Erik Webb	May 13
Nikki Nelson	May 14
Brad Rosandich	
Don Springer	May 15
Kris Bennett	
Bruce Schmidt	May 16
Betty Barry	

Rachel Fredlund	
Noah Hockett	
Anna Thompson	May 17
Roger Brunn	May 19
Dave Scalzo	May 20
Dave Doerflinger	
Amber Keller	May 21
Samuel Boesel	
Bill Eurick	May 25
Melody Erblich	May 26
Emma Dejno	
Sara Shuler	May 27
BJ Halverson	
James Merk	May 28
Emily Langbauer	
Barbara Neidert	May 29
Bob Simeone	May 30

### *Bible Quiz Answers*

1. Caesar Augustus. Luke 2:1
2. Nazareth. Luke 2:3
3. He was a carpenter. Matthew 13:55
4. Twelve years old. Luke 2:42-47
5. After one day they knew He was missing, but it took a total of three days to find Him. Luke 2:42-47
6. In the Jordan river by John the Baptist. Matthew 3:13-17
7. Turned the water into wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee. John 2:1-11
8. Sleeping. Mark 4: 35-41
9. Mary, the sister of Martha. John 12:3
10. Three. The widow's son: Luke 7:11-17; Lazarus: John 11:43-44; Jairus' daughter: Matthew 9:18-26, Mark 5:21-43, Luke 8:40-56
11. Five loaves of bread and two fish. John 6:1-13
12. Go into the world, preach the Gospel, baptize believers and teach them. Matthew 28:19-20 Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8



### *Who's Hosting Coffee Sip?*

Those serving coffee sip for the month of May are listed below. Thank you all for your assistance in this fellowship function.

#### May 6, 2018

Schopf, David & Lori	414-385-9003
Schopf, Richard	262-679-3235
Schulz, Clair	414-427-3946
Sholty, Amy	414-526-6165
Shuler, Greg & Sara	262-679-2073
Simeone, Bob & Joan	414-858-9570
Slotke, Heather	414-520-3796
Slotke, Sue & Art	414-422-0277
Smith, Paul	262-662-5262
Springer, Don & Beverly	262-679-0386
<b>Stachewicz, Don &amp; Bridget</b>	<b>262-349-9198</b>
Stridde, Kristina & Scott	414-315-0309

#### May 13, 2018

Taylor-Smith, Susan	414-377-8850
Thompson, Art & Marilyn	262-394-2251
Treptow, Mike & Beth	262-389-4252
Tyler, Wendy	262-347-5090
Vasholz, Daniel & Mona	262-706-3118
<b>Vath, Bill &amp; Bonnie</b>	<b>262-782-3359</b>
Vossekuil, Andy & Shelby	414-405-4432
Webb, Joanne	414-235-3918
Weber, Brian & Jessica	414-324-8897
Weber, Bob & Joan	414-425-9066
Welden, Tom & Rici	262-679-4206
Wolf, Verl	414-422-1466

#### May 20, 2018

<b>Woodard, Patti</b>	<b>414-531-2335</b>
Wright, Larry III & Sarah	414-416-3523
Wright, Nick & Lisa	262-510-1579
Young, Bill & Gail	414-235-3515
Abel, Gregg & Brittany	414-870-2261
Ambelang, Terry & Sheila	262-336-8139
Anderson, Dawn	414-529-1586
Aranda, Louis & Ann	262-971-1165
Balistreri, Tom & Mary	262-895-1016
Banks, Suzi	414-322-1380
Barg, Gary & Gretchen	262-971-9767
Barry, Kurt & Betty	414-422-1176

#### May 27, 2018

<b>Bartholomay, John &amp; Sharon</b>	<b>414-467-1084</b>
Bennett, Matt & Kris	262-971-9995
Benz, Wilma	414-425-2259
Besch, Michael & Pam	262-786-8896
Boesel, Lucas & Carol	262-679-4837
Borchardt, Joe & Amy	262-501-3310
Borda, Mary Beth & Luis	414-328-9985
Brunn, Michelle	262-643-8711
Brunn, Roger & Gail	262-643-8711
Bunzel, Alan & Diane	414-731-2410
Campbell, David & Tracey	414-801-1718
Christian, Jean	262-909-8431

The highlighted names will be the leader for the respective Sundays. If you have any questions, please contact Lynette Gerke 414-529-0207 or [mdglag@yahoo.com](mailto:mdglag@yahoo.com). Thank you.

### **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

