



# The Dual-Parish Review

## Quilts of Valor

We were privileged to make and present Quilts of Valor to three veterans from our St. John congregation on Sunday, July 3rd.



**Mark VanHoy**  
Coast Guard  
Electricians Mate 2  
2000~2003

**Aaron Niemann**  
US National Guard  
2007~2019  
Sergeant



**Mike Thompson**  
US Sea Bees  
1981~1987 E4  
US National Guard  
1993~2008 E7  
21 Years of Service



**Thank You for Your Service**

*hello*  
*August*  
**2022**

“God’s Son began His life weak and helpless, laid in a feeding trough. He began His ministry weak and tempted, vulnerable in the desert. In a weakened state from the scourging, Jesus died on the cross, making you right with God, filling you with His strength. And when God supplies your strength, you are strong, indeed.” *Marie MacPherson, author – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Bethlehem**  
**Lutheran Church**  
233500 County Road E  
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**Sunday Worship at 8:00 a.m.**  
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**St. John “High Steeple”**  
**Lutheran Church**  
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Edgar, Wisconsin 54426  
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# By God's Grace, YOU are making a difference in Ukraine!



Dear Fellow Redeemed:

As war and violence continue to devastate Ukraine, your Synod has been able to respond quickly and adeptly. By God's grace and your help, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has been able to meet both spiritual and physical needs of those in Ukraine and those fleeing that country. **Here are a few examples of how your contributions are being put to work:**

- The LCMS has **issued grants for humanitarian aid and refugee support** in parts of Romania, Latvia, Germany, Slovakia and the Czech Republic. Your Synod is positioned to provide more aid as needed.
- The LCMS is **providing transitional housing through subsidized rent** at a residential complex in Romania — nearly \$300,000 has been set aside to cover expenses for the next two years. The Synod is evaluating the possibility of purchasing a second residential complex in Romania for the same purpose.
- An LCMS missionary is **offering ESL (English as a Second Language) classes to help displaced Ukrainians** in Braşov, Romania. The ability to understand and speak English, the "trade language" there, will help refugees find employment and acclimate to life in a new place.

**The LCMS continues to focus on planting churches and teaching the Lutheran faith — especially for displaced people seeking comfort and relief for their souls.** The work to meet physical needs is very important, but the LCMS' work differs from secular humanitarian organizations in that we share a far more critical resource — the proclamation of God's Word, especially the precious Gospel.

- Our partner church in Germany, Selbständige Evangelisch—Lutherische Kirche (SELK), has **created a position to manage the church's refugee care programs.** Your contributions allowed your Synod to support this role and its related expenses through a \$120,000 grant.
- Two floors at the Old Latin School (OLS) in Wittenberg, Germany (a project of the LCMS), are being rented for refugee housing. **SELK intends to plant a church in the OLS to have Divine Services in English and Ukrainian. The pastor there will also provide Lutheran catechetical instruction for refugees and others** in Wittenberg.
- A Lutheran school in Slovakia immediately accepted displaced Ukrainians in the early stages of the war. **This school continues to provide a Christian education for refugee children.** The LCMS has provided support for this to continue.

Refugees fleeing Ukraine have lost loved ones, parents, children, homes and livelihoods. **The LCMS strives to share what is needed most — the comfort and peace that only Christ can provide. Thank you** for helping the LCMS address physical needs as we bring the promise of comfort and peace in Christ to those suffering in Ukraine and the surrounding countries.

In Christ, Your Friends in LCMS Mission Advancement

**P.S.** God uses you, your prayers and your contributions to meet physical needs and provide spiritual encouragement. Thank you for playing a critical role in this work!

## St. John Council Meeting

July 12, 2022 7pm.

Attending were Doug Brown, Cathy Schneider, Stephan Schneider, Kay Christiansen, Jeff Werner, Mel Niemann and Sharon Niemann.

Doug opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Elders reported a visit from our called pastor was coming up on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Elders were working on details to help Pastor Giebel with the visitation with some services. Discussion is starting on confirmation as well.

Outreach will have blood drives here in October and December. Bethlehem will do another in August. Lighting plans for the proposed sign have been designed and are ready to be turned in to planning and zoning.

The treasurer reported that \$7316 was sent to North Wisconsin District Missions for the first 6 months of offerings and this is what members have designated for missions. Interestingly, this equals 10% of the last 6 months spending. This does not include designated missions like Lutheran Hour and Lutherans For Life. We are blessed to be a blessing.

Trustees: No report, but the flower beds around the parsonage look great, the garage windows are being worked on and the sacristy is a work in progress.

The landscape committee has a few volunteers and Doug would like to see a few more. So volunteer if you are interested in this project.

No cemetery report.

No old business

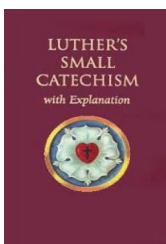
New business: A picture, "Jesus in Gethsemane" and a wall crucifix have been donated by the DuWayne Schneider family. These were part of his household. As a son of this congregation, he wanted them to go here, if we could use them. Motion was made to accept them, seconded and passed. The trustees will be in charge of placing them.

No other business. Motion to adjourn.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sharon Niemann,

Recording Secretary



## The Lords Prayer

### *The Lord's Prayer: The Fifth Petition*

And forgive us our trespasses as we  
\_\_\_\_\_ those who trespass against us.

#### *What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our \_\_\_\_\_, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we \_\_\_\_\_ them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too

will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

### *The Lord's Prayer: The Sixth Petition*

And lead us not into \_\_\_\_\_.

#### *What does this mean?*

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would \_\_\_\_\_ and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not \_\_\_\_\_ us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

## Anniversaries

Cory & Amy Broeske	8/9
DuWayne & Susan Gumz	8/16
Jason & Tammi McKee	8/17
Ray & Samantha Yessa	8/24
James & Judy Ulrick	8/6
George & Char Murkowski	8/11
Peter & Lisa Kroening	8/12
Peter & Trish VanDerLeest	8/20
Paul & Holly Heise	8/24
Greg & Linda Mueller	8/25

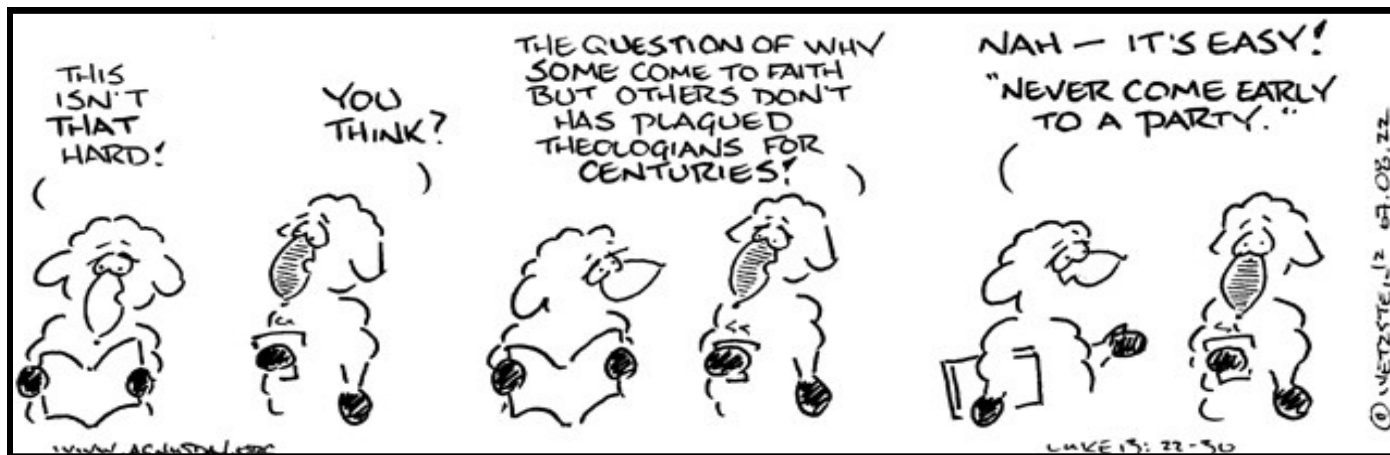
Gumz, DuWayne	8/8
McKee, Jason	8/8
Bayden Bender	8/9
Venzke, Dennis	8/15
Schreiber, Bailey	8/16
Kunze, Tammy	8/23
Anderson, Haley	8/25
Geisking, Jeffrey	8/26
Ballerstein, Lynn	8/27
VanLuven, Amber	8/29
Sprotte, Wally	8/31

VanDerLeest, Peter	8/04
Wussow, Bruce	8/06
Schneider, Michael	8/08
Koch, Cade	8/08
Schafer, Sandee	8/10
Mielke, Jill	8/14
VanHoy, Mark	8/14
Schneider, Chris	8/20
Noller, Lexie	8/22
Schafer, Maryn	8/25
Diedrich, Phyllis	8/27
Koch, Cale	8/27

## Birthdays

### Agnus Day by James Wetzstein

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Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then in reply he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!' There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." —

**Thank You from  
Samantha & Valerie Myszka:**

It was very nice to be remembered on our graduation. We can tell the blankets were made with LOVE. God Bless everyone who had a hand in putting them together.

Thank You Samantha and Valerie

**Thank You Note:** I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during my stay in the hospital. I am happy to inform you that I have been released to go home. I hope to attend church soon. Kent Kunkel

**Blood Drive: Bethlehem** is planning another Blood Drive Wednesday, August 24th from 4pm to 7:00pm. There is a great need for blood donors. **Any one of us might need a transfusion, at any time.** We rely on one another to meet that need. But on the other side of that common vulnerability, there is uncommon strength.

**Harvest Supper Survey:** We need volunteers and commitments for dates, times and workers that are able to lift heavy, hot roasters, kettles, etc. **Without commitments, we will not be able to host the dinner!**

**Friday Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>** , Leaders for carrots 3-4 hours. Leaders need to make sure the carrots are washed, cut and ready to cook.

**Saturday Oct.1<sup>st</sup> :**

Two people a shift for meat (2- five hour shifts)  
Meat needs to be turned every hour to ensure tenderness.

Two people a shift for vegetables (2- four shifts}  
Vegetables need to be cooked and ready to serve.

Call Nancy Witucki @715-352-7060 or  
Mary Schultz @ 715-352-2603

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Sunday School start up is September 11<sup>th</sup>.**

We are doing team-teaching again, but if the preference is to take a class alone, this is fine, also. Please contact the superintendents if you are able to teach.

Board of Education vacancy has not been filled. Please consider this position. If questions, contact one of the Superintendents.

Library update has begun and will continue.

The Vacation Bible School theme this year was "Hooked on Life-Fishing for Jesus" & was held July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30p to 7p. An average of 22 children attended. The theme was based on Matthew 4:19, "Follow Me & I will make you fishers of men." We are very blessed to have had many helpers and children who were eager to learn about becoming "fishers of men."

Gloria Cornelius & Patti Hammel,

Co-Superintendents

**Bethlehem Board of Education Update:**

New ABC Curriculum for Sunday School has arrived. Thirty lessons (3 units) for 1 yr have been purchased. The new material is available for parents & teachers to review, on the table, in the small classroom. Please take time to review – any input is welcome.

**Bethlehem Outreach** is looking for volunteers to walk, ride or drive in the Athens Parade. There is a sign up sheet at Bethlehem on the bulletin board. We are not handing out water, but still want to represent our church.

**August Greeter and Acolyte Schedule**

Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> Caelynn Cook Jason, Tammi McKee  
Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> Calleigh Cook Clarence, Arlette Molthen  
Aug, 21<sup>st</sup> Madalynn Johnson Michael, Marnie Neuman  
Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> Leighton Kilty Scott, Deana Parker  
If you are unable to do your duty for the week you are scheduled, please find an alternate to fill in for you or switch dates with someone.



## Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule

August 7

### "These Are Not Our Kind of People"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann  
(Matthew 5:43-48)

August 14

### "Everything Is So Expensive"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann  
(Luke 12:15)

August 21

### "Facing the Worst"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann  
(John 11:25-26)

August 28

### "The Vision We Need"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann  
(Romans 8:18-23)

## Lutheran Hour Radio Broadcasts

Lutheran Hour Ministries ~ God has called all laypeople to be powerful witnesses for Christ to their families and communities. At LHM, we strive to create convenient ways for you to connect with Jesus and share your faith with others. Our products are free, easy, and digital so that you can use them in your home, on-the-go, or wherever you may be.

In this time of uncertainty, don't find yourself feeling isolated. HE is always with you! Discover FREE resources for your entire household and continue enriching your faith even when we can't gather together. Visit [lhm.org/covid-19](http://lhm.org/covid-19) and explore all of the ways you can hear God's Word, equip yourself in outreach, and provide Gospel-centered activities for the kids!

### Station City, State Freq. Day Time

WDLB	Marshfield, WI	1450 AM	Sun	8:00am
WRVM	Marshfield, WI	91.3 FM	Sun	10:00am
WRVM	Medford, WI	98.7 FM	Sun	10:00am
WRVM	Wausau, WI	101.3 FM	Sun	10:00am
WSAU	Wausau, WI	550 AM	Sun	8:30am
WSAU	Wausau, WI	99.9 FM	Sun	8:30am
WAXX	Altoona, WI	104.5 FM	Sun	6:30am

You can also go on line at [www...lhm.org](http://www...lhm.org) or download the free App @ [LHM.ORG/APPS](http://LHM.ORG/APPS)

## Internet Resources:

**Worship Anew** is an online ministry put out by Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne available to view on the Internet. The current week's program can be found on their homepage at [Worshipanew.org/program](http://Worshipanew.org/program).

Moments of Comfort is an online video ministry of Worship Anew which speaks to the sufferings we face in this life with the comforting message of God's Word.

They have a list of archived programs listed on the site.



**Issues, Etc.**

Talk Radio for the Thinking Christian

[www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)

Issues, Etc. is a ten-hour weekly syndicated radio talk show and podcast.

The program features expert guests, expansive topics, while extolling Christ. The program is hosted by Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Jeff Schwarz.



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**Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Milan**

**Community Blood Drive**

**Wednesday, August 24th, 2022**

**4:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

**233500 County Rd. E Milan, WI**

