



# The St. John's Messenger

Monthly Newsletter

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## Fellowship

If you ever had any doubt, pastors do like to get together and talk! I was recently at a pastors' conference where pastors of the Minnesota District of the Wisconsin Synod gathered together. We talked, shared ideas, got to know one another better, and just in general enjoyed the fellowship of Christian brothers in the ministry.

But fellowship is more than just getting to know one another. It is more than sitting down with each other over coffee or a meal. When we talk about fellowship in the church we mean we share the same faith in Jesus, our Savior, the same trust in the sacraments, and more. In fact, it means we hold to the same faith in everything the Bible tells us because it is God's Word. This applies to our members as well as pastors.

At a pastors' conferences we celebrate and strengthen our fellowship through God's Word. We worship together and we listen as fellow pastors present papers they have written on a particular biblical topic. The topic this time was fellowship – the blessings of having the same faith and God's desire that we use those blessings faithfully.

What are the blessings of having the same faith? Here are a few:

- Knowing that when we have sinned and asked for forgiveness, our fellow believer's words of forgiveness are as real as if Christ himself said them.
- Having voters' meetings that focus on how to carry out God's work instead of whether a certain part of God's Word is true or not.
- Believing the same thing and enjoying true “communion” at the Lord's Supper.
- Reaching out to others with one truth instead of several “opinions”.

One of the pastors at our conference shared a personal experience. He was talking to a pastor of another church body who commented on how his congregation asked him some questions before they would call him to serve – questions like: “Do you believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God? Do you believe God created the world in six days? Do you believe the whole Bible is God's inerrant Word?” What a blessing it is to not have to ask our called workers these questions. We already know what they believe because they are part of our fellowship.

“How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1)

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord,  
Pastor Draper

**St. John's Mission statement:** *The continuing purpose of this congregation is to serve all people in God's world with the gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.*

## Church Council Minutes – April 14, 2009

**Present:** Van Tallman, Paul Maasz, Kurk Kramer, Todd Marotz, Gary Kuelbs, Pastor Draper

Pastor Draper opened the meeting with devotion and a prayer.

**Minutes** – Todd Marotz/Gary Kuelbs made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 11th meeting with some corrections. In the Board of Elders section, the name Tori Rosenow should be spelled Tom Rose-now. In the maintenance committee section, Armen Lendt's name should be spelled Armin Lendt. Also, the removal of the inaccurate statement under new business, Gary indicated...it. Motion carried.

**Pastor's report** – No written report

**Treasurer's report** – Todd Marotz/Gary Kuelbs made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**President's report** – No written report

**Board of Elders** – Salary structures are still being worked on.

**Principal & Board of Education** – Formal report submitted by Kurk Kramer. Gary Kuelbs/Todd Marotz made a motion to accept the boards recommendation for school fee adjustments for 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried. Todd Marotz/Van Tallman made a motion to accept the boards recommendation for the computer program proposal. Motion carried. St. John's members would have priority to fill classes, if needed, it would be opened to others to help fill classes. Three work days have been scheduled for the school. May 27th and 28th from 5-9PM, and May 30th from 8AM-noon and 1-5PM.

**Worship Committee** – No report

**Maintenance Committee** – The lawn mower and the school's heating system was discussed. New glass has been ordered to replace the broken window in the school.

**Outreach** – No report

**Stewardship** – The commitment window has been

extended for two weeks. Notification will be put in the bulletin.

**MVL / WELS** – MVL is working on a new logo. Kurk went through the MVL Board Meeting minutes.

**Endowment and Trust Fund Committee** – No report

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** - A recommendation from council to Voter's Meeting – Hire a part-time teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. The person would be hired for 10 months of the year. Salary structure will be based on Board of Elder recommendation. Salary will be based on years of service times 50% for a 10 month period. Todd Marotz/Gary Kuelbs made a motion to approve the recommendation. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held May 19th at 7:30PM.

Todd Marotz/Van Tallman a made motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Todd Marotz

## Newsletter Reminder

**This month's  
deadline for all  
newsletter articles  
is May 18th.  
Thank you!**



### Class Trip Time

When the month of May arrives and the end of the school year is just around the corner, there are usually a number of different plans for classrooms in our school to take class trips to educational and entertaining locations. This is going to take place again this month. However, this year is special since the upper grade students will have the opportunity to spend four days in Wisconsin. During this trip these students will be visiting Luther Prep School in Watertown, Wisconsin Lutheran College, Northwestern Publishing House, the WELS Synodical Offices, Salem Lutheran Landmark Church, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Milwaukee and Mequon. This trip is intended to familiarize the students with some of the operations of our Wisconsin Synod.

There are also other plans to visit locations that will be entertaining and informative. This will include stops that will be made at the Wisconsin Dells, the Milwaukee Public Museum, a tour of the Harley Davidson plant, and attendance at a Milwaukee Brewer's game. Time will also be spent on the Lake Michigan waterfront. This is certainly going to be an enjoyable trip for the students and adult chaperones.

WE'RE GOING TO A



**BALL GAME!**

Other activities this month will include the sixth grade students spending a day in classes at MVL in New Ulm, students walking the County Road 27 road ditches to pick up trash, and the conference track meet. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive their diplomas on Thursday, May 21, and there will be the annual academic awards handed out to students that evening as well. The last day of school will be Friday, May 22.

Thank you to all of the students and parents for the past school year. Thanks also to all of the members of the community who also have committed time and effort towards St. John's LES.

Have a great summer!

"We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."—Acts 4:20 This is one of our memory treasures coming up this month in our Christ Light lessons. Some of our lessons include Peter healing a crippled man and faithful Stephen. Acts 4:20 is a great reminder for us to remember to speak about what we have seen and heard! While we may not have personally been there as God worked through Peter, we can read God's very words in the Bible! We know all of these wonderful things because of God's written word, and just like these little children, we cannot help but speak about it! School will be out for the year very soon. Lord willing, summer will bring more opportunities for these little children, as well as you and I, to share His word with those who have yet to hear it.

In Preschool and Kindergarten this month, we will be learning all about various US holidays, symbols, explorers, and inventors. We will also continue to work on our Kindergarten reading skills, and learn how to tell time to the half hour! Kindergarten is gearing up for the big move over to 1st grade and we want to be as prepared as possible! We are very excited to move to 1st grade where we will learn even more next year!

The Kindergarteners just recently enjoyed a trip to see the Children's Theater performance at MLC of "Three Fairy Godmothers" and to Pizza Ranch for lunch! We are also hoping to take some more walking field trips to a few places yet before the school year is over. God's Blessings on your summer!

If you confess with your  
 **MOUTH**  
"Jesus is Lord"  
and believe in your  
**HEART**   
that God raised him  
from the dead, you will be  
**SAVED!** 

Grades 1-2  
Mrs. Halvorson

Our year has flown by and the calendar tells us that summer is just around the corner!

In our *Christ-Light* Bible lessons we are studying the stories after Jesus' resurrection. These include Jesus' instruction to his disciples and great commission to preach the gospel, the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, and the early Christian church.

Our unit study this month is on Insects. May days should provide warm enough weather to find some live specimens for studying!

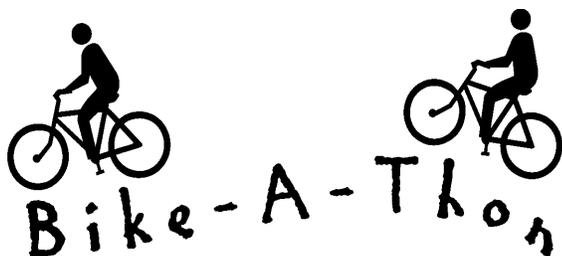
In Reading grade 2 will enjoy the antics of Horrible Harry while grade 1 reads Mouse Soup by a class favorite author, Arnold Lobel!

Our mathematicians have come a long way this year. This month they will practice their multiplication skills, subtract two-digit numbers, count money, round to the nearest ten, locate points on a coordinate graph and sharpen long division skills! Whew!

The last week of school brings extra fun with the "Bike Rodeo" where the children get to bring their bikes to school to practice safe biking skills (with helmets on, of course)! We are also looking forward to visiting the public library to learn about the Summer Reading Program.

It has been exciting to journey with the children through another year of learning. But even more, every year it is a joy and privilege to share God's Word with them and see their faith grow daily!

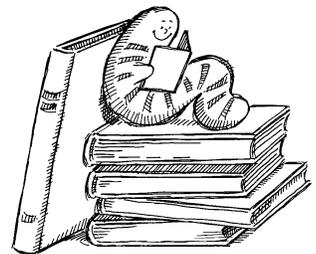
God Bless your summer!  
Mrs. Halvorson



Grades 3-5  
Mrs. Rosenow

April sure kept us busy with many different things! We did a lot of studying of Christ's passion and the events after Easter. To prepare for Easter, we learned a few Easter hymns including "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" in hymnology. The students were really pumped to be able to sing it in church on Easter Sunday. We've also worked on some Ascension hymns like "Draw Us to Thee." As always, the Spirit working in their hearts is my favorite part of teaching.

In Literature class we worked on a rather different unit in early April. Each student had a book written by Jerry Spinelli. They had to make a schedule for themselves and then pick projects to do and present.



It was a great chance for the students to read different things, do different things, and let their creativity shine. We are working on our final novels now. Literature Group 1 is reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Literature Group 2 is reading The House of Dies Drear. They are extremely different books but both are enjoyable.

One way that the students were able to combine some different classes was with Creative Writing and Art. We worked on writing Haiku poetry and talked a lot about the pictures that it paints in our heads. Then we transferred out mental pictures into amazing watercolors that look very impressive. Come and check them out sometime!

Science is working on weather for the rest of the year. Of course spring is a great time to do this because we have every type of weather! The students have used their knowledge of clouds and fronts to predict what the weather will be like. We have a bunch of weather-people in the making!

This year has definitely flown by. The Lord has richly blessed our learning whether it was His Word, Reading, Math, Social Studies, Art, or even social skills with peers. Keep our students in your prayers so that we can continue to learn the rest of this year and onward.



The Spring LWMS Rally was held Saturday, April 25 at Friedens Lutheran Church, New Prague. Because of the newsletter deadline and the timing of the rally, details will follow in next month's newsletter.

In other news, annual ballots are available now to all women of our congregation. These ballots offer positions for the National Board in the following areas: President-Elect, Treasurer, Spiritual Growth-Mission Awareness Coordinator, and Pastoral Advisor.

Another ballot for projects will also be available. Projects this year include:

World Missions: Cameroon Projects;

Partners in Apache Learning

Home Missions: WELS Canada Evangelist and Pastoral Studies Institute;

Summer Student Assistants project

There will be detailed summaries of candidates and projects available in the narthex beginning April 26th. Votes may be cast between April 26th and May 10th. At that time, all votes for the congregation will be tallied and one representative vote will be cast for our choices. Final selection of candidates and projects will be determined at the Annual Convention in Denver in June. Please take a moment to get involved and vote!

It's not too late to register for the National Convention in Denver to be held in late June. If you have any questions about it please contact me or check out the web site at [www.lwms.org](http://www.lwms.org). There is also a bus trip available to the convention if you are interested in bus travel.

Please remember missions in your prayers and offerings.

In Christ,  
Paula Windschitl, reporter

## MLC Auxiliary

Forty women attended the New Ulm area conference of the MLC Auxiliary on Tuesday, April 21st at St. Paul's church in New Ulm. Opening devotion was led by Prof. Bill Pekrul.

A new 1st year representative for our conference

was selected. She is Helen Wischstadt of St. Paul's in New Ulm.

A written explanation of the potential termination of the MLC Auxiliary Endowment fund was given for review. This fund parallels a similar fund that MLC has, and our auxiliary will vote in October if we are going to terminate our fund and roll it into the college's fund.

Current 2008-09 projects were summarized. Several of the projects have been completely funded, while other projects remain on the slate to be completed as funds are collected.

Ten new project suggestions for 2009-10 were presented in detail. Votes were cast to select the top 4 projects. These top four projects selections will be combined with other area conference selections to create the ballot for final vote at our October annual meeting.

Professor Pekrul gave an update with slides of progress of the new Chapel of the Christ on campus at the college. The project is currently behind schedule, but is predicted to have the exterior finished in September, with the interior (including organ installation) completed approximately in December.

Kate Tohal, Resource development Director, presented information on the financial status of the college and encouraged those giving gifts for the offering at the meeting to consider using the Thrivent Giving Plus form. We were all reminded that encouragement to potential future pastors and teachers is invaluable. Please remember to pray for students, faculty and the college.

A presentation on her experience as a student at MLC and also as a student teacher was given by Holly Pearson. It was evident Miss Pearson has been taught the skills she needs to be ready to graduate and accept a call next month, Lord willing. Her experiences helped us see that the MLC student is fully and competently trained in so many areas.

The offering collected for the evening totaled \$455.00.

The annual meeting of the MLC Auxiliary is set for October 15. Next year's spring rally will be hosted by St. Paul's of St. James, MN.

The meeting was adjourned. We closed with prayer and enjoyed desserts.

Submitted by,  
Paula Windschitl  
MLC Auxiliary 1st VP



## Written by "6th – 8th Grade Students"

### **Bible History 6-8**

In our past lessons we read from the books of Jeremiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, and Psalm 137. We learned that the people of Judah were falling away from God, so God puts them in captivity in Babylon to serve King Nebuchadnezzar. The four Jewish princes Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were to be taught for 3 years then they would enter the king's service. However, later all the people were commanded to bow down and worship the king's idol, the Jewish princes did not bow down to the image of gold so they were thrown into a fiery furnace, but God saved them so they did not die.

### **Hymnology 6-8**

In the last month we have been learning the following hymns: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded", "O Dearest Lord Thy Sacred Head", "Were You There", "I Know That My Redeemer Lives", "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks", and "Draw Us To Thee".

### **Math 6**

In past lessons we worked on circumference activities, proportions and completing proportions, and the perimeter of complex shapes. We have also learned about probability and conversions.

### **Math 7**

We are learning about rise/run= slope, volume of spheres, cylinders, and cones, capacity and mass in the metric system, negative exponents, and dividing by scientific notation.

### **Algebra ½ 8**

We have done some reviewing of all we have learned so far this year. We are learning about angles in triangles and how to find their measurements. We have been learning about roman numerals, complimentary and supplementary angles, algebraic terms, and probability.

### **World History 5-6**

In World History we learned about The Roman Empire, it's government, legacies, and how Roman roads were constructed all across the empire. Now we are learning about Rome and Christianity.

### **Geography 7**

Southeast Asia has been the focus of our past lessons. We talked about the population density and growth, looked at the resources, cultures, lifestyles, languages, religions, and the arts of Southeast Asia. In this area of the world, only 17% of the people are Christian. The rest are mostly Muslim, Buddhist, Confucian Daoist, and Hindu. This makes for an area ripe

for spreading the Gospel message!

### **American History 7-8**

In U.S. History we have looked at the Civil Rights Movement. To branch off of that, we are now looking at the new directions this country has taken in the last 20 years, the improvements and advances in science, technology, and society.

### **English 6-8**

We have started our review of adjectives and adverbs. Some things we are reviewing are demonstrative adjectives, comparative and superlative adverbs and avoiding double negatives, We will continue reviewing adjectives and adverbs until we start with the new unit on prepositions.

### **Literature 6-8**

We just finished *Under the Blood-Red Sun*. It was about World War II, and how a Japanese boy and an American boy still remained friends after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Now we are reading *Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs*. It's about a boy going around his town finding wonders so he can go on an adventure in Colorado.

### **Science 6-8**

In science we have been learning about climate and climate change. Climate is weather in any given area over a period of time. We learned about various types of climates, such as tropical, arid, and marine. More recently, we finished studying the Earth, moon, and sun. We learned about Earth's orbit, rotation, revolution, moon phases, eclipses, and tides. We finished the section with rockets and satellites.

### **Spelling 6**

In spelling we've learned about having one word or two, words with no sound clue and we had a review unit. Next we are going to learn about negative Prefixes.

### **Spelling 7**

We have recently learned how to spell multi-syllabic words, words from many cultures, Latin roots, number prefixes, related words, and prefixes.

### **Spelling 8**

In Spelling we have been working a lot on letters, getting just the right number of letters needed to spell a word correctly. Examples are existence, awkward, mischievous, and tuxedo. There was a review unit where we had to correct several paragraphs that had spelling errors. Our most recent unit is on Latin Roots.

## Current Events 6-8

Earlier this month we finished our drug prevention book. It ended with how we can recognize and help others with drug and alcohol problems. Lately we have been studying propaganda and its different techniques. Our final current events assignment involves researching newspaper articles, summarizing them, presenting them to the class, and developing a written quiz containing the information from these articles.

## Physical Education 6-8

In Phy Ed we have finished bowling. Congratulations to MacKenze, Daniel, Mikyla, and Carlie for getting 1st and 2nd place! We have now started playing softball, we go down to Burnside to play on Fridays. We also have been doing some running for track to get prepared for the upcoming track meet.

## Art 6-8

In art we have made many things. Some examples are, a Sandpaper Crayon Print and a Butterfly Mobile. For the Sandpaper Crayon Print we colored a picture on sandpaper, then we used an iron to put it on white paper. For the mobile, we used a coat hanger, fish line, and construction paper. We cut out butterflies and flowers and glued them on the fish line. We tied the fish line to the hook, then we hung them in the church basement.

## Hosanna Circle

Praise the Lord, HE is Risen!

Hosanna Circle met on April 2nd and Pastor led us in a Bible Study ending the Book of Job.

Marcia presented the Minutes from the April 1st afternoon Ladies Aid meeting, thank you Marcia for attending those meetings and keeping us informed.

The Bake Sale went well on Palm Sunday, thank you to all who donated and also those of you who made it a success. We are blessed with many talented people and wonderful cooks in our Congregation.

Tuesday, May 5th at 6:00 p.m. is the Luncheon being hosted by the Fairfax Ladies Aid. If you are interested in attending and want to carpool, you can contact Pam Dittbenner at 507-794-7769. Please do so by Friday, May

1st so we can let them know how many to expect.

We are underway with our planning for the Multi-Congregational Picnic at Fort Ridgley on June 28th. Be sure to reserve your spot if you are planning to camp that weekend. There will be a Potluck Dinner

after a 10:30 a.m. worship service held in the Amphitheater. If you are interested in helping in any way with the festivities, contact any of the Hosanna Circle members. They are Pam Dittbenner, Connie Trebesch, Marcia Derkowski, Sallie Draper, Paula Windschitl, Judy Draper, Marilyn Leopold. There will be more details in the June Newsletter. Mark your calendars, this will be an afternoon to remember. There will be something for everyone to enjoy!

December 6th is the date for the Advent by Candlelight celebration. Once again, if you are interested in being on a specific committee for this event, contact one of the Hosanna Circle members. More details will be available on a continuous basis.

The Afternoon Ladies Aid will attend a joint meeting with Hosanna Circle on Thursday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. All women are welcome to attend this meeting or any of our meetings in the future.

God's Blessings to all.

Pam Dittbenner and Connie Trebesch

## Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid met on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 for their regular scheduled meeting. Our devotion led by Pastor Draper was from the last chapter of the book of Job. It tells us of how The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life.

The cross and book stand from the altar have been refinished and is back on the altar as of April 1st. The cost of the two pieces was \$218.55. The cost of refinishing the candlesticks was \$225.00. The refinishing was done at Werner Silversmith of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

We received a thank you from the Wels Kingdom Workers for our recent donation of \$50.00. They matched our \$50.00.

The door collection on March 15th for LWMS amounted to \$410.00. A big thank you to all for their generosity.

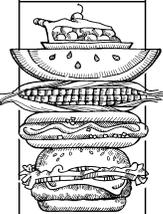
The Bake and Craft Sale held on April 5th was a success. There was a wonderful variety of items donated, thanks to all who participated. The proceeds will be used to fund our various projects.

Block 3 is up to work as of this writing.

Our next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Hosanna Circle. It will be held on Thursday, May 7th @ 7:00PM. Come join us!

Marilyn Deibele, Secretary

**CHURCH**



**COOKOUT**



## Looking for an Opportunity to Serve??????

There are ways we can serve our Lord other than in a financial capacity. By serving of your time and talents, we as Christians will find ourselves growing closer to him through the Word and fellowship with our family in Christ.

The Lord has presented a wonderful opportunity for the members of St. Johns bringing members of the Church body and Families in our school together in a collaborated effort to serve Him!

At the end of this school year, the physical structure that assists in the nurturing of our children's Christian Education will be undergoing some much needed interior house keeping. The Staff is currently in the process of developing a list of items of "Most Needed" to include, but is not limited to, painting several of the classrooms, bathrooms and hallways; sanitizing and scouring out desks, scrubbing floors, windows, and the like. There is also some discussion in regards to a few maintenance items that we may try to address at this time. As you can see, these items alone will require the hands of a great deal of our willing members, "Many hands Make light work!"

To help accommodate more schedules the following work dates have been scheduled: May 27th, 28th from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and the 30th, from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Come when you can. After those three days we will review the situation and determine if more is needed.

We are hoping to operate much like we did when we took care of the Draper Household before they arrived. It seemed to work out very well. So **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

To help jog your memory, the school block leaders will be calling the families with children currently attending St. Johns sometime in May. **BUT JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE CHILDREN HERE ANY MORE, DOES NOT MEAN YOU ARE NOT WELCOME TO HELP.** We encourage ALL members of our congregation to establish an active role in the welfare of our school. Together we can make a difference!!!

We will also be accepting donations for cleaning supplies. **PLEASE** watch for the list to be posted soon at the back of the Church. However, if you are unable to donate of your time and talents, we will also be accepting cash donations for the LARGE amount of paint we will be needing to help beautify the school. Checks can be made payable to St. John's LES and given to Mr. Kramer or dropped off at the school office.

We would really like to encourage **EVERYONE** to work together for the good of our school and most importantly provide a safe and adequate environment for the children of our congregation while they learn of the wonderful love of our Savior!

Yours in Christ,  
St. Johns PTO



**OUR CHURCH AT WORK**

## † Memorials †

### *In Memory of Betty Schmidt*

**St. John's Organ Fund**

Paul & Nydia Schmidt

Jerome & Jeri Lensing

Jeffrey Schmidt

Scott & Deanna Schmidt – \$100.00 (group)

Armin & June Grundmeyer – \$5.00

Ralph Grundmeyer – \$10.00

Shorty & Mary Jayne Haus – \$5.00

Delbert & Eunice Sandhoefner – \$10.00

Robert Lendt – \$10.00

Willard Schmidt family – \$60.00

Mielke Accounting – \$15.00

### *In Memory of James & Edmund Keim*

*Mr. & Mrs. Walter Sommerfeld*

*Sister: Lucille, Neice: Janice, &*

*Nephew: Richard Berndt*

**St. John's Organ Fund**

Elaine Keim – \$50.00

### *Flowers given for Easter Sunday*

In memory of Mark Jensen

by Dave, Kelli, Megan, Allison and Cindy Jensen

In memory of Ray & G.G. Rothmeier

by their family

In memory of Adeline Ubl

by her grandchildren

In memory of George & Elsie Weilage

by their grandchildren

In memory of Thera B. Mielke by the Mielke family

In loving memory of Bill, Lois & Jerry Milbrodt

In memory of Clarence Havemeier, Burton, Karlene and

Leon from Lorna Havemeier & family

In memory of Rene Jo Risen & Lynn Wandersee given by

Steve & Micky Meyer

In memory of Thera B. Mielke given by Mielke Family

Leo & Marcia Derkowski

Brad & LeAnn Berkner

Steve & Paula Windschitl

Jerry & Jan Dittbenner

Harold & Bev Bartz

Pastor & Sallie Draper

Ken & Penny Mathiowetz

Melvin & Lois Lendt

Eugene & Marlys Lochner

Mike & Barb Lux

Mark & Cheri Hammerschmidt

Todd & Laurie Hammerschmidt

Dan & Lynn Hacker

Spencer & Heather Hacker



## Befriend A Mission

This is the third report highlighting our four new "Befriend A Mission" assignments made to our congregation by the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. Please read about, pray over and consider supporting the following mission with your cards, letters of support or gifts. St. John's will have this assignment along with three others for the years 2009 and 2010. This month a Home mission is featured.

**Mission:** Victory Lutheran Church  
Lexington, KY

**Missionary:** Pastor Jonathon Zietlow

**Their web site:** [www.victorylexington.com](http://www.victorylexington.com)

**Summary:** A new mission congregation in 2001, the church grew quickly and the rented space they used for worship services became inadequate. In 2007 they broke ground and in summer 2008 they dedicated their new church building. Although they are technically off mission status, they have been retained as a Befriend a Mission congregation because they are still relatively "young".

**Prayer Needs:** Pray for the ability to reach more people in the Lexington area with the saving gospel.

**Special Projects:** They held a summer soccer camp for kids and taught them soccer skills and the word of God. They have also held "Virtual Bethlehem presentations in December, complete with live animals and a portrayal of the nativity. They would like to continue to expand this project.

**Family Wish List:** Nothing specific was listed.

Name	Birthday	Notes
Jonathon Zietlow	October 28	
Rachel Zietlow, wife	September 9	Anniversary: June 6
Gabi (Gabrielle) daughter	7/18/2003	
Jude	7/5/06	

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