

**ST. JOHN'S
MISSION
STATEMENT**

As a family united in faith through the Holy Scriptures, we exist to give praise, honor and glory to the Triune God, to nurture and train the family of believers through God's Word and to reach out to the changing world with a changeless Christ.

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A Special Commissioning for CAMM



On July 15th, Maria Reese was commissioned at St John's (Red Wing, MN) as the next Clinic Administrator for the Lutheran Mobile

Clinic in Malawi, Africa. Maria has many special talents and gifts; CAMM is very pleased she has decided to use these abilities to work with the staff in Malawi. Kari Belter, the current Clinic Administrator, will assume the duties of Nurse in Charge. The commissioning rite was conducted by Rev. Loren Lucht.

The Lutheran Mobile Clinic provides medical care to the people of four clinic sites. Each clinic day begins with devotion and the Lutheran Church of Central Africa holds services at the site each Sunday. Maria's responsibilities will include managing the financial aspects of the medical work and work with the Malawi government and District Health Offices to ensure LMC meets all government requirements. The medical mission program in Central Africa, approved by the WELS and supported by its

congregational women's organizations and other groups and individuals, is an outreach of the mission in fields in which WELS is working. Part of Maria's commissioning reminds us: "Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ encourages all of us to be active in deeds of love and acts of charity. He has said through His holy apostle, "Serve one another in love. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." In His holy gospel He has said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Please pray for Maria as she travels to Africa to work in the harvest fields of Malawi.



Megan Behl-nurse,
Maria Reese-Administrator, Kari Belter-nurse



Watch next month's newsletter for a personal interview with Maria Reese and information about guest artist, Stephen Bautista, who is coming in September to perform for our outdoor service.



The Board of Elders

Board Chair:
Mark Goelzer

Board Members:
Mike Mueller
Richard Reese

Spotlight on the Board of Elders

The Elders have been working on our membership list for a few years now. We have instituted a program that attempts to contact those particular members that have not been in church for a very long time. The Encouragement Committee was given a list of names, phone numbers, and addresses with the intent to make initial contact with these straying members and report back to the Elders with their findings. The Board of Elders and the pastors worked with the reports coming back from the Encouragement Committee, and also our own individual lists, to isolate determine whom we should contact.

We also have initiated a series of three delinquency letters that are designed to encourage them to come back to Christ, expressing our Christian love for them, and our concern for their souls. We then merged the

list with the letters and waited for a response. If we saw no response from them the board recommended a removal letter be sent. If we still don't get a response, the pastors then add their names to the removal list in their monthly Pastors' Report and eventually the names do get removed from our membership list. Membership can be reinstated on personal request

Please help us update our records. If you have any information about the souls that we have recommended for removal, or that we have removed in the past, send us a note or contact the church office. The list of inactive souls that will be recommended for removal will be made available at our quarterly Voters Meetings. Please help us find these souls that we may encourage them to return to their Lord and Savior.

Thank you and God bless,
Mark C. Goelzer

Hand Bell Festival

Mark your calendars for the 2013 Western Regional Hand Bell Festival in Zumbrota on Apr 14, 2013. As we get going this fall we may be looking for instrumentalist; trumpets, trombones, flutes, percussion, organist and keyboard. If you have any members or if you play an instrument yourself and are willing to help

us, let me know. I believe the organ we will be using is a three manual Rogers. We likely may need additional ringers if anyone is willing to try it.

More information will be forthcoming once I review the music selections in the upcoming months.

More information will be available at www.WELSbells.com soon.

Thanks
Dan Stiller
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Youth Rally 2012

We departed Ascension Lutheran church in Rochester and stopped in Nodine to pick up more teens and leaders. We stopped in Tomah to eat lunch. Then on to Luther Preparatory school in Watertown, WI, where we took a short tour. Our next stop was Wisconsin Lutheran College and another quick tour. Afterwards, back on the bus to Mayfair mall for supper on our own and walking time to stretch legs.

Early next morning we went to a church in Florence, KY and dropped some of the people off to work around the church grounds and the rest of us went on to the Creation Museum. It was a very interesting stop and you could go around at your own pace. When we were waiting to go inside the museum, someone came up behind us and said "St. John's people." And I turned and saw our own Bonnie Voth. She was with a group from MLC! It was so funny that we were both there at the same time.

The most interesting thing I saw in the museum was a video presen-

tation that showed a woman sitting outside by a campfire and pondering whether or not to believe in God. Then two angels come up on the three screens behind her and tell us why we should believe in God. But while they are talking they quote the Bible and when they quote God word for word, you hear thunder and feel it in your seat. Then when they talk about the flood, water is sprinkled on you.

Outside the museum is a huge flower garden with a brook and many bridges that you can walk across. The plants were exotic plants that you don't normally see in the United States, at least our part of it.

We went back to bus and back to the church in Florence, to pick up the others and then on to Tennessee. We got into the state of Tennessee around 4:30 and in Knoxville at around 5:30. We had to stand in line and get checked in and then we could change clothes and eat supper and be to the arena for opening worship at 7:30.

After the opening wor-



ship we were welcomed to Tennessee with announcing all states that were represented and how many people from each state. When the announcer called out your state she would then say "Fill Up" (which was the theme of the rally) and then we were to respond with "Fill Up". It was awesome.

After the welcome, we could all go to The Hub where they had free pizza, hot dogs, and beverages. The Hub was a tented area where they had tables and entertainment every night we were there. There was also a swimming pool nearby that you could use and a football field where people were playing football, rolling around in giant balloons, and just walking around. The kids in our group met up with some kids that went on the Seattle trip last year so that was

fun for them.

At 11:00 pm we were supposed to do group reflection, but we always did ours earlier in the day. Then we had to go to our rooms. Ben was in a different building than the rest of us because they separated the boys and girls. Our girls all roomed together and I was across the hall.

Next morning after breakfast, we had devotion at the arena. It was presented by Pastor David Panitzke from Knoxville. At 9:30 we had a keynote speaker, Pastor Jon Enter from West Palm Beach FL. He was a very good speaker and the thing he said that stuck with me the most was "God is not out to get you, he is out to get you back to Him."

After the keynote, we had lunch and then

Youth Rally Cont....

broke out into workshops of your own choosing. Those lasted 1 1/2 hours and there were two sessions. Everyday there was free time to go to The Hub or the pool or relax in your room. Dinner followed and then back to the arena for entertainment. On Thursday, it was *Playing By Air*--a symphony of action and comedy. They also did juggling and it was awesome.

Every night there was free time to go to The Hub, pool or your room, followed by group reflection and curfew was 11:30 p.m.

After breakfast on Friday, we had devotion and another keynote speaker-- Pastor John Boggs from Winnebago Lutheran Academy in Fond du Lac, WI. He asked the teens what they want to do with their lives and how to achieve a full life through Christ.

Right after the speaker, we boarded a bus for Dollywood. There were two other choices for excursions;

zip lining and river rafting. Dollywood is kind of like Valley Fair only smaller and it has a lot more shops inside the park. There were carnival rides and the usual treats one enjoys at such places. For those that didn't go on an excursion, they remained at the university and had more workshops.

After we returned to the university and had supper we went back to the arena for more entertainment. Friday night's line up was a professional a cappella ensemble called *Chapter 6*. They were awesome as well.

Next morning after breakfast, we checked out of our rooms and put our luggage on the bus for home and walked to the arena for our closing worship. Again it was Pastor Enter and he had a ladder standing in the entryway right inside the doors and watched to see people's reaction. No one walked under it. We are always told not to do that or break a mirror. Well, he did those two very things--and said "I really don't think God is up there watching me and putting his head in his hands, saying "What has

he done?!" Then he said "If I get into an accident on my way home today and I die, Satan still loses, because I'm going to heaven." So after the worship, our kids got under the ladder and I took their picture.

We got on the bus and headed to Madison, TN which is right outside of Nashville. We passed a bank and the temperature said 111. We were greeted by the members of Rock of Ages church with Icees and Gatorade. We went out and did some canvassing, but it was so hot they didn't want us to be gone long. We met in a park and they gave us watermelon and it was back in the bus and moving on.

We got into Kentucky and it was around 6:30 and bang! We blew a tire. The driver turned off the engine of the bus to go outside and inspect the situation. After a few minutes, he came back inside to turn the bus back on so we could have air conditioning and the bus wouldn't start. So the adults found a place in the shade for the kids to get out of the hot bus and it was probably 15 feet off the highway. Of course,

when they got down there, the bus had cooled off enough that it started up. So we got back on the bus and drove to the next exit and parked in a K Mart parking lot. There were many food choices around and we had a couple hours of free time while the bus tire was fixed.

Back on the road and made it to southern Illinois by 4am. But the driver had been driving a long time and the other driver wasn't there yet, so he parked the bus and slept and we waited for the new driver to meet us.

With those two delays we got back to MN at around 1 pm and dropped off our friends from Nodine. We arrived in Rochester around 2 pm. Even with the mishaps, it was still a fun trip, and I would definitely go again.

Darcy Gunhus



Pastor's Report—May 2012

SUNDAY CHURCH ATTENDANCE:	1,319
AVERAGE FOR THE MONTH:	330 (+4 Apr '12, +1 May '11)
WORSHIP AT THE CROSS: 5/29 (Lucht)	18
COMMUNION ATTENDANCE:	363 (-339 apr '12, -97 May '11)
BIBLE CLASS ATTENDANCE:	317

MEMBERSHIP: 4/30/12	BAPTIZED: 903	COMMUNICANT: 709
MEMBERSHIP: 5/31/12	BAPTIZED: 863	COMMUNICANT: 681

BAPTISMS

NAME	PARENTS	DATE BORN	DATE BAPTIZED
*Smith-Bulmer, Aiyarah	Smith-Bulmer, Carissa & Steven	March 29, 2012	May 19, 2012

BURIALS

NAME	DATE DIED	DATE BURIED
Kloke, Herb	May 10, 2012	May 14, 2012

CONFIRMATIONS

NAME	ADULT/YOUTH	DATE
Ahlgrim, Emily	Youth	May 20, 2012
Hernlem, Christian	Youth	May 20, 2012
Kiecker, Emma	Youth	May 20, 2012
Schoengarth, Hunter	Youth	May 20, 2012
Smith, Marissa	Youth	May 20, 2012

RELEASED

NAME	DATE
Gadient, Maureen	May 16, 2012
Gadient, Sierra	May 16, 2012
Gadient, Kendra	May 16, 2012
Garding, Jackie	May 9, 2012
Goeman, Tina	May 10, 2012

REMOVED

NAME	DATE
Alms, Nathan (Baptized)	May 10, 2012
(Ryanna, Annalyse)	
Alms, Nicholas (Baptized)	May 10, 2012
Alms, Randy	May 10, 2012
Amundson, Jessica	May 10, 2012
Amundson, Wendy	May 10, 2012
Bremer, Brad	May 10, 2012
Burkel, Paul	May 10, 2012
Dammann, Angela	May 10, 2012
Gadient, Tasha	May 10, 2012
(Kaylee, Savanah, Bret)	
Gordon, Rachel	May 10, 2012
Hernlem, Gina	May 10, 2012

Hernlem, Nick	May 10, 2012
Jagusch, Dan	May 10, 2012
Jagusch, David	May 10, 2012
Kemp, Bonnie	May 10, 2012
Kutschied, Ben	May 10, 2012
Marks, Nathan	May 10, 2012
Molina, Cindy	May 10, 2012
Nash-Weber, Muriel	May 10, 2012
Olson, Kurt	May 10, 2012
Olander, Jerome	May 10, 2012
Price, Gary	May 10, 2012
Reese, Jason	May 10, 2012
Schilling, Tim	May 10, 2012
Smerud, Travis	May 10, 2012
Wegner, Levi	May 10, 2012
Zimmermann, Ronald	May 10, 2012

TRANSFERS

NAME	DATE	IN/OUT
Zemke, Jeff & Teresa	May 11, 2012	OUT to Grace, Goodhue, MN

May 2012 Pastor Report Cont...**St. John's School News**

**Registration for
2012-2013
August 13 5-7 PM**

Israel Trip

Pastor Engel is leading a trip to the Holy Land January 14-23, 2013. Stops include Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, and many others. Flight leaves from Min-

neapolis. Cost is \$2797 not including taxes and fees.

Contact Pastor Engel at st.johnsrw@gmail.com or call 651-388-1561 for a brochure. You

will never read your Bible the same way!

There are currently 16 people signed up with more expected.

October is the deadline to sign up.

Church Cleaning Groups

8/4/2012	8/11/2012	8/18/2012	8/25/2012	9/1/2012
Group #18	Group #1	Group #2	Group #3	Group #4
*Voth, Bonnie	*Engel, Todd	*Avery, Kevin	*Betcher, Mark	Birk, Janice
Adler, Jennifer	Adams, Cara	Amyx, Candy	*Birk-Betcher, Julie	Born, Marvin
Gold, Sara	Adams, Maynard	Amyx, Elwin	Banitt, Justin	Born, Virginia
Mahoney, Brian	Adams, Robert	Amyx, Terry	Banitt, Sara	Bremer, Lorraine
Pomeroy, Jason	Ahrens, Brian	Amyx, Wanda	Berg, Jason	Bremer, Raymond
Pomeroy, Jessie	Ahrens, Melanie	Arndt, Brad	Buck, Derrick	Bremer, Simone
Rundquist, Amanda	Alms, Jean	Augustine, Lavon	Buck, Tyler	Bruemmer, Dolores
Rundquist, David	Alms, Marlys	Avery, Adam	Barnes, Elaine	Bruemmer, Donald
Strauss, Aimee	Alms, Mary	Avery, Andy	Barnes, Thomas Sr.	Brusehaver, James
Tipcke, Marie	Alms, Robert	Avery, Tyler	Bauer, Gwen	Brusehaver, Linda
Tomhave, Jack	Alms, Roger	Bain, Ben	Bauer, Nicholas	Buck, Dallas
Van Deusen, Charlene	Alton, Linda	Bain, Tricia	Benidt, Paul	Buck, Jessica
Van Deusen, Jason	Engel, Michelle	Kutschied, Kelly	Betcher, Aaron	Buck, Judy
Van Deusen, Kelsey	Hansen, Justin	Kutschied, Shelley	Betcher, Keshia	Buck, Matthew
Van Deusen, Steve	Kamps, Brooke	Kutschied, Scott	Betcher, Megan	Horn, Audrey
Vieths, Darla	Kamps, Tony	Miller, Mike	Betcher, Zach	Horn, Jim
Von Bargaen, Julie	Lutjen, Brittney	Pederson, Erin	Schulz, Brent	Jaeger, Chelsea
Von Bargaen, Larry	Lutjen, Richard		Schulz, Heather	Jaeger, Elyce
Voth, Althea				Jaeger, Quinn
Voth, Martin				Jaeger, Whitney
Zemke, Jason				Schutz, Mickie



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August 2012

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

(September through May)

WORSHIP: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

MORNING BIBLE CLASSES: 9:15 a.m.

MONDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 7:00 p.m.

(Excluding Advent & Lent)

SUMMER HOURS

(June through August)

WORSHIP: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

BIBLE CLASS: 9:15 a.m.

MONDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 7:00 p.m.

ALL EVENING SERVICES during the year are at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNION is served on the
SECOND and **LAST SUNDAYS** of the month.