



T.L.C. LINK-LETTER

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NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (MATT. 20:28).



Sent to Serve



National Lutheran Schools Week is January 24 – 29th. The school will have an Open House on the 24th to showcase the many wonderful things the school children have been doing so far this year. The School Board will also be hosting a reception between services on the 24th. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



NEWS

By Marilyn Westrum

LWML is still on HOLD with activities. The Circles may still meet, be sure to check the bulletin or with your Circle chairman for announcements. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas whether you were with or without extended family members.

With the many struggles that have come we need to find new ways to adapt. The heart of LWML is serving the Lord with Gladness, and God has provided us with new creative ways to meet and to serve in ways that we may never have explored had this past year's events not happened.

I found some interesting Connecting Tips during Covid-19. A Time for Everything – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
A time to be born and a time to die,
A time to plant and a time to uproot,
A time to kill and a time to heal,
A time to tear down and a time to build,
A time to weep and a time to laugh,
A time to mourn and a time to dance,
A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
A time to search and a time to give up,
A time to keep and a time to throw away,
A time to tear and a time to mend,
A time to be silent and a time to speak,
A time to love and a time to hate,
A time for war and a time for peace.

Do these verses from Ecclesiastes describe the year 2020? With a Covid-19 pandemic, civil unrest, economic fluctuations, job uncertainty or upheaval in working conditions, changes in

education, and disruption of Church and religious activities the world is indeed in tumultuous times!

We are Lutheran Women in Mission so what are we to do? How do we stay connected to each other in fellowship, remain connected to His Word and continue to connect to others through service?

WE GET CREATIVE!

Here are some ideas to assist you and your LWML groups to not only survive, but the THIRVE, in these challenging times.

1. Meetings/gatherings may look different
2. Email or mail minutes for reports for a meeting.

We Are Held by God's Word: Keep Faith First

1. Study and read God's Word
2. Read new, and if you have them, old LWML Quarterlies to get inspired.

We should be inspired to Share His Gospel: Continue to collect your Mites.

We should be surrounded by His Grace: Focus on Mission Service.

1. Donate to local groups even now after the holidays.
2. Help persons in need with either actual material items or with financial help.
3. Send notes of encouragement to shut-ins.



Official Record

Adult Baptism: Jesse & Kyla Smith were baptized on December 9, 2020.

Adult Confirmation: John Slotter and Jesse & Kyla Smith were confirmed on December 13, 2020.

Baptized = 702

Confirmed=564

February articles should be submitted to the church office by January 22nd.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

VOTER'S MEETING

is Monday, January 18th

at 7:00 pm.

Please help spread the word and plan to attend!

♥ January Anniversaries

	Years
06 Paul & Cheri Boeckman.....	41
09 Dave & Janice Oppedahl	56
12 Larry & Krista Briley	30
17 Bruce & Christina Bennett	12
21 Nate & Khrystyne MacDougall	9
25 Larry & Connie Madson	46
29 Chuck & BJ Thomas.....	49



January Birthdays

01/01	Margaret Carter Joni Tingwald Nathan Westrum
01/02	Emily Baumgardner Mari Lynn Cain Holly Johnson
01/03	Carter Baumgardner Roy Coffman Joby Hull Kelby Johnson Jane McGriff Donna Paris Brian Stolte Sue Stolte
01/04	Phyllis Linn Vicki Stoner
01/05	Douglas Gustafson Cale Hennings
01/06	Nathan Olson
01/07	Kirk Johnson Jacob Egeland
01/08	Micah Wilson Ian Hill
01/09	Jennifer Gano Bethany Halverson
01/10	Wes Bass
01/10	Mackenzie Musfeldt

01/11	Mary Lonergan
01/11	Brenner Walsh Brody Hitsman
01/12	Lisa Borkowski Michael Tungesvik Jake Zehr
01/13	Rhett Carlson Andrea Casotti Bill Hasstedt Jr
01/14	Dennis Peperkorn Breckin Walsh
01/15	Larry Ealy
01/16	Stacey Huedepohl Jo Shuey Ty Tungesvik
01/17	Tyson Messler
01/18	Paul Noelck Angela Pratt Kenneth Swanson
01/19	Kennedy Kruse Susan Pottratz Hans Stumpenhorst Maggie Suckow
01/20	Janet Westrum
01/21	Mason Musfeldt
01/21	Mike Stahr
01/22	Loretta Bass Brian Eppert
01/23	Kara Selim
01/24	Julie Osborn
01/25	Kanynn MacDougall

01/25	Erin Craig Samantha McIlwain Gabrielle Osborn Riley Stolte
01/27	Charlotte Elsberry Angela Beaty Emma Westrum
01/28	Rachel Ellefson
01/29	Lisa Campbell Tyler Casotti Lena Huedepohl Addison Larson James Sakellaris
01/30	Kimberly Sharkey
01/31	Jerry Behn Marilyn Casotti

Please contact the church office with any corrections or additions.



Notes of Interest

Christmas decorations will be taken down on Sunday, January 10th at 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come help!

CAMP OKOBOJI NEWS

January 29 - 31: FAMILY ICE FISHING WEEKEND

Come enjoy a family friendly weekend of ice fishing, faith and fellowship! This is the 11th year that Pastor Ben Dose and Pastor Jim Stogdill will be the leaders and educators of this Ice Fishing Retreat for all ages!

January 28 - 31: OKOBOJI WINTER GAMES

Planning to attend the Okoboji Winter Games and need a safe and refreshing place to stay?? Check with your camp because we still have Family Ministry Cabins available.

Parish Planning Council

will meet on Monday, January 4th at 7:00 pm. Board Chairmen please have your board reports to the church office by noon on Monday, January 4th.

Thanks!

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are available on the table across from the mailslots. If you did not receive envelopes or do not want envelopes please contact the church office. Please also remember that we do have electronic giving available.

It's very easy and convenient to sign up for.

Please see the Church Office if you are interested or have any questions.

Change of Address



If at any time your address, phone number, or e-mail address changes, please contact the church office, 432-5140. Corrections will appear in the next newsletter and annual report.

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