

Return from Tanzania by Deb Dugan

Thank you all for your prayers and contributions towards this mission work in Mbuguni Tanzania. In a few weeks I hope we can

set up a time at church where I can share our experiences in Sharing God's love in the corner of the world.



Evangelism and Stewardship

The Stewardship and Evangelism committee met last Thursday, January 24. Opening Devotion – Homeward Daily Devotional – Living Out Faith in the Real World. We should be careful to not rely too much on the safety of our own church and congregation, but to express our faith, and use it to help others, in our communities and the world at large.

Our goal is to reach out more west and get involved. One of the ways to do that is by helping our local outreach centers. Stockbridge and the Pantry at Farley in Pinckney are two of the areas we will be helping.

For the first week of February, we will be having a soup drive, so bring in cans of soup for Super Bowl week! We will have a different item every

week depending on the needs.

There will be a free will offering in at the Ham Dinner that will go toward Kroger cards to help out the Russell Family after the loss of their barn and race horses.

March 23 will be a craft day and the proceeds from that will go to help offset medical costs for Dave Finazzo.

OPPORTUNITIES IN GOD'S WORD

- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:00 a.m. This group uses the magazine "Good News", which is published by Concordia Mission Society. The editor is the former LHM speaker Wallace Schultz. There are several editions available in the pastor's study/office for anyone who would like to review a topic or use one for personal Bible study.

Ladies Bible study Wednesday 10:00 a.m. is a group of ladies mostly around young family age although all ages are welcome. This is a good place for mentoring also. Any time is a good time to join. The group is now studying "Dwelling in God's Peace," where participants explore what the Bible has to say about the peace God provides,



how they can obtain it, and why Jesus said that peacemakers are blessed. Bible study and discussion questions written by Karen -Lee Thorp.

- If evenings are better, join us at the **Cottage Meetings** the last Friday of the month at 7 p.m. hosted at a member's home. Cottage meeting this month is February 22.
- **Pastor Snider's Sunday Adult Bible Study** is continuing through the Lighthouse Series: Acts Part 2. The book of Acts records God's glorious actions among the first believers. It reveals the light of Christ, which spread by speech and scroll from Jerusalem down to today.

We hope to see all of you at one or more of these Bible Studies.

Serving the Lord in Nairobi, Kenya: News from Britt Odemba



Teaching Students about the Love of Christ

I have been involved with the Project 24 program for a few years now, and have observed steady growth and progress in the endeavor resulting from the partnership between the LCMS and the ELCK. Each new year seems to bring an additional feature that encourages the students to continue their spiritual walk with the Lord. As I previously have reported in my newsletters, the younger students from each project 24 site, participate in two Catechetical Club events each year. These events provide opportunities for spiritual growth, training, team building and athletics. However, the secondary students who have graduated, are unable to participate as they reside at various boarding schools throughout Kenya. Following discussions

with our Project 24 director, John Kissinger, the ELCK committed to hosting a Bible Camp specifically for the secondary students in the program. The Bible Camp would be a three-day event during the month of November, after the school year had ended and the children would be free to attend. This year, the evangelists or chaplains of each Project 24 site came together and planned the Bible Camp. Several ELCK pastors led morning instruction and teaching sessions on various topics. Afternoons were devoted to fun activities and games. As we work together in partnership with the ELCK, we continue to strive for excellence and ensure that the students who leave the Project 24 program know and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord. I look forward to how this partnership will continue

to grow and mature in this new year to benefit our students.

As our 8th grade class at Karama Academy has graduated and has taken their national exams, we wait in anticipation for the letters from the secondary schools to arrive. Here in Kenya, 8th grade students receive invitation letters from secondary schools throughout Kenya to join their school. These letters are usually based on national exam scores as well as a child's overall performance in academics and extracurricular activities. The top honor is to be invited to a national school where often times the school fees are waived or a scholarship is offered based on the student's excellent performance. We are delighted that one of our class 8 students this last year, Dickens Omondi, received an invitation to Kisii High School, a national school in Western Kenya. Dickens has received top awards for best soccer player in the sub-county level and for Best Debate and Speech Writer. Dickens attended Karama since class 4. When I was teaching English in that class, I clearly remember Dickens standing out as one of the top students. I continued to encourage him to work hard and keep walking in the faith. We thank God that Dickens has done well and can continue on with his education. But more importantly, we know that He will continue to share the love of Christ with those around him.



February 2019

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If you would like a link to the Trinity Google Calendar, email Lynda Minger with your request at lyndamngr262@gmail.com

LWML Ladies Posse News

Next Meeting: February 7th
 Hostess: Marilyn
 Altar care: Helen & Lynda

May meeting on the 2nd
 Hostess: Kristin
 Altar Care: Kristin & Gretchen

tian Ed. right after dinner!
 Lenten soup suppers begin on
 Wednesday, March 13th

March meeting on 7th
 Hostess: Amy
 Altar Care: Joanna & Barb

Dates to put on your calendar:
 Saturday, February 9th. Ham
 Dinner at 5pm. Everyone in-
 vited & bring your friends &
 neighbors.
 Then plan on staying for eu-
 chre party sponsored by Chris-

Saturday, March 23rd, the next
 craft day

April Meeting on 4th
 Hostess: Barb. Altar Care:
 need volunteers

Dates to Note

Ham Dinner **2/9**
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 Youth

Weekly food-
 bank collec-
 tion starts **2/3**

Ash **3/6**
 Wednesday

Craft Day **3/23**

LCMS Events

77TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN DISTRICT LLL CONVENTION

May 4, 2019 | Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth

Elaine Bickel will be the guest speaker at the banquet during the 77th annual Michigan District Lutheran Laymen's League convention at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth on May 4, 2019. The banquet begins at 5 p.m. All ordained LCMS clergy and laypersons attending for the first time will be admitted free. The theme of the convention banquet is

"SENT, Bringing Christ To Everyone." To register, contact John Raffel at 616.894.2936 or john.raffel@gmail.com no later than April 29.

2019 FAITH FAMILY RE-UNION ONE-DAY RE-TREATS

February 9, 2019 | Peace, Ann Arbor

April 27, 2019 | St. Paul, Hamburg

June 29, 2019 | Redeemer, Jackson

Everyone has someone in their life who has strayed away from

faith in Jesus Christ. How can we reach out not only to the prodigals but to their parents, family, and friends, who struggle to know what to do? It is important for them to know they are not alone. The Faith Family Reunion retreat will discuss this important issue and introduce a ministry opportunity that churches can easily implement. To register, or learn more go to

<http://www.faithfamilyreunion.com/Peace-Lutheran-Church>



Birthdays and Anniversaries

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Prayers of Trinity

Praise and thanksgiving:

Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power and might be to You, our God, now and forever! Hear us who pray in peace in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. O God, Holy and eternal, who did permit us to enter into the fellowship of that holy suffering by which Your dear Son, our Savior, conquered sin and death; grant that we may celebrate the remembrance of His passion with true devotion, accept the cross as his disciples, and thus fulfill Your holy will; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. We pray for those among us who are in special need of your guidance and healing:

Beverly Lasko, Janice Lasco's mom diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

Dave Finazzo—strength and healing

Dixie and Paul Russel—help them through hard times

Ed Gulowski —Hospitalized vein and leg issues.

Bob Patzer, Carolyn Benkovsky's brother—recovering from 5th bypass surgery.

Shut-ins--Caroline Cadeau, Al Jacoby

Don Johnson, Don VanGorden, Joshua Czapiewski, Carolyn and Joe Benkovsky, Diane and Rudy Vik, Dennis Miller -- strength and health

Continued healing: Mary Meyer, Joanne and Bob Hickman, Don Keiser.

Judy Lasko, John Martinowicz, Julie Haggerty, Robin Fletcher, Kyle Knipp, Don Fogel, Ava Allen, Tracy Brohmen, Kenny Cadle, Carol Thompson, Sarah Burns, Libby in their battles with cancer.

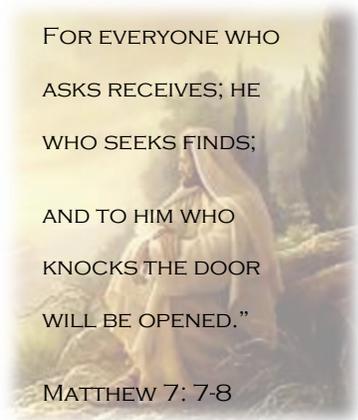
For the soldiers here and overseas who are still protecting freedoms, our own and others in the world.

For opportunities to proclaim the Gospel in this season. When the world is open to hearing the story of Christmas, may we be unashamed in our witness.

“ASK, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU; SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND; KNOCK, AND THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO YOU.

FOR EVERYONE WHO ASKS RECEIVES; HE WHO SEEKS FINDS; AND TO HIM WHO KNOCKS THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED.”

MATTHEW 7: 7-8



Kreft Arts, Concordia Ann Arbor

Kreft Arts Spring 2019 theatre productions:

William Shakespeare's Hamlet High School Matinees:

Kreft Center Black Box Theatre February 8 and February 11-15 at 10AM.

Public performances: Tickets: \$6

February 8, 9, 15, 16 at 8:00PM

February 10, 17 at 2:00PM

Tickets: \$10 (\$8 students and seniors)

Shakespeare's Hamlet, perhaps the most psychologically complex play ever written, follows the young prince from being "the expectancy and rose of the fair state" to his ultimate destruction.

Sponsored by the Kreft Arts Program in conjunction with The Experimental Performing Arts Association and sup-

ported by grants from the Buhr Foundation and the Jensen Foundation, this professional two-hour contemporary dress production is coming to CUA February 8-17, 2019. The 12 performances include six matinees for high schools and six public performances over two weekends. Find more information at: <https://www.cuaa.edu/life/kreft-arts-program/black-box-theater.html>

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LACASA Needs Volunteers



Compassion. Courage. Hope.

LACASA's unique charity resale boutique is a fun place to volunteer for a good cause. The

LACASA Collection offers new, nearly new and gently-loved furniture, home décor, collectibles, jewelry, accessories, children's books, games & toys, and clothing for the whole family.

They have a variety of opportunities for you to work on the sales floor or behind the scenes. Scheduling is flexible. You can choose morning, afternoon or evening shifts on weekdays or weekends. Shifts can be two hours or four hours.

Your volunteer work at the store makes a difference in the lives of abuse victims at LACASA Center. All

store proceeds go directly to fund critical programs at the center.

If you would like to learn more, contact the Store Volunteer Coordinator at 517.445.5050 or email info@lacasacollection.org.

Keeping Pets Safe from Abusers

Our **Safe Pet Place** allows victims of interpersonal violence to arrive at LACASA Center's Crisis Shelter with their family pet(s). We offer cozy kennel facilities, which provide a temporary home for these little (and sometimes big) creatures.

LACASA Center is **one of only a few shelters in the nation** that provides a safe, on-site place for the family pets of victims. Our Safe Pet Place opened in 2002, more than a decade before other shelters began offering similar programs.

We have housed dogs, cats, birds, hamsters, and even an iguana.

LACASA provides all food and supplies that pets may require during their stay with us. Families provide comfort, care and playtime with their pets.

Using pets as pawns

The threat of abuse against companion animals often is used as leverage by a controlling/violent member of the family to keep others in control, in-line or silent.

Independent studies show that **48 percent** of battered spouses avoid leaving their homes—or have returned to their batterer—because they fear for the safety and welfare of their pets or livestock.

Your generous contribution allows families to keep their pets close during times of crisis. You can support our Safe Pet Place program by making a donation today.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Please feel free to call and speak with Pastor Snider if there is any way we can assist you in your spiritual needs.



Many Blessings
Trinity Lutheran Church