



DISTRICT NEWS

MINNESOTA NORTH

St. Paul's hosts hunters supper

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bruno, held its annual Hunters Supper on Nov. 2. The event is held the night before rifle deer hunting season opens in Minnesota.

Nearly 200 people were served a filling meal of Swedish meatballs, homemade mashed potatoes, vegetables, rolls and a wide variety of dessert bars.

Most of the guests are members of the extended community, and many have been coming for years. The meatball supper has been served for many years. Before its inception, the church annually hosted a smelt fry.

This meal is largely organized by the Blaine and Mary Jo Jensen family, but most active members of St. Paul's get involved in one way or another. They help prepare food in advance and serve



the guests the night of the event.

The supper serves as a great chance for the congregation members to work together while serving others. The meal sends its guests away warm and well

fed, ready to sit in their deer stands early the next morning. Such meals serve as an important way for smaller communities to meet and stay connected with each other.

BIBLE BOWL 2019

On Saturday, April 6, Concordia University, St. Paul, will host the annual Bible Bowl. The questions will come from the Gospel of Mark.

More information can be found at MNBibleBowl.org. The site states: "Bible Bowl is a great way to motivate your students to get into God's Word and learn it in depth. It's always fun to study together, and having a goal keeps everyone on the team accountable!"

This event is for Christian youth grades seven through 12. Bible Bowl includes a fast-paced team competition and an individual competition, which is a 50-question, multiple choice test. Sample questions from last year's contest can be found on the website.



Rev. Steve Breitbarth, (Minnesota North), pictured, co-leads the event with Rev. Rudy Maurer (Minnesota South).

Paula Paulson of Holy Cross, St. Cloud, who has taken children to participate said:

"It's such a wonderful experience. I've seen what a differ-

ence it has made in encouraging my own kids to study Scripture in depth. I really want to help other families find out about it."

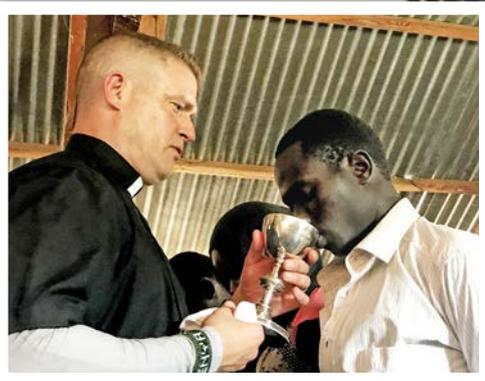
Chalice used for Communion again

Over two years ago, Peace Lutheran Church, Finlayson, took a century-old chalice out of its cabinet and put it back into use — more than 8,000 miles away. The chalice would not sit on Peace's altar, but it would find use at Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya, Africa.

The Peace congregation just recently received a report back about its use after it also sent two flagons (pitchers) for use in celebrating communion at the same camp.

Rev. Luke Timm, who serves as pastor of Living Faith Lutheran Church, Clive, Iowa, had received a request for a chalice just weeks before a planned trip to this refugee camp. He posted the request on Facebook. Rev. Philip Hoppe, who serves as pastor of Peace and who was Timm's seminary classmate, saw the request. He was aware his congregation had one it was not using. Despite its age and wear, members of Peace gladly and quickly agreed it should be sent.

The camp church that received the chalice is comprised of South Sudanese refugees, who began to flee their country when civil war broke out in the 1990s — the "Lost Boys of Sudan" — and is pastored by Rev. Jon Jock. He was ordained



in a now defunct synodical body with which the LCMS was in altar and pulpit fellowship. Pastor Jock serves a congregation of more than 200 people comprised primarily of women and children.

The people of Peace rejoice that this chalice — which had sat in a cabinet for many years — is again carrying the body and blood of Jesus into the mouths of His people. It is truly a great blessing when one part of the body of Christ is able to bless another part in such a wonderful way.



"SHED FOR YOU" ... Rev. Jon Jock, who serves Sudanese refugees at the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya, prepares to distribute Christ's body and blood. He is using a chalice that was used at Peace, Finlayson.

In photo in white frame, Rev. Luke Timm distributes Holy Communion while on a mission trip to the refugee camp.

Need an organ?

Redeemer, Osakis, would like to donate their old Allen digital organ to a starting congregation or a congregation that is in need. The organ was used at Redeemer for many years. It has a few small problems, but does not have any major issues. Redeemer was given a different organ. For more information, send an email to buffingtonm8024@gmail.com.



New editor

Rev. Stephen Rutherford, who served the Minnesota North District in gathering information for this *Lutheran Witness* supplement, recently took a call outside of the district. Rev. Dr. Donald Fondow, district president, asked Rev. Philip Hoppe, pastor of Peace, Finlayson, and St. Paul's, Bruno, to serve in this role and he agreed.

Pastor Hoppe has been in the district for almost four years after serving St. Paul's, Ellsworth, Kan., for 12 years. He looks forward to helping keep the readers updated on the happenings of the Minnesota North District. He welcomes your feedback.

Please send your announcements or human interest stories and photos to the.lutheran.witness@mnnlcm.org. You may also mail them to Peace Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 60, Finlayson, MN 55735, attn. Rev. Philip Hoppe.



Hoppe



Cards For Kids

The Sunday school and adult Bible class at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Alexandria, helped with "Cards for Kids" ([facebook.com/CardsForKidsByEmersyn](https://www.facebook.com/CardsForKidsByEmersyn)) by bagging up silly socks, which are given to sick children to bring cheer to their day. The Sunday school donated 100 pairs of socks that were purchased with the offerings collected at Sunday school. The adult Bible class joyously joined in helping bag two garbage bags full of socks.



Singer honored at Trinity

Carly Gallion, a member of Trinity, Isle, sang with the Minnesota Ambassadors of Music during its tour of Europe last summer, and recently made a presentation about the trip to the congregation.

Music before, during and after the service preceding her talk were reflective of the concerts, many of which were in centuries-old churches. Although church attendance in Europe is minimal, these concerts drew a great number of appreciative audiences.

The tour included visits to London, Paris, Switzerland, Austria, Venice and Germany with a day trip to Zermatt, Switzerland (home of the famous Matterhorn mountain).

Student musicians were chosen based on their musical attributes and character. Carly sang alto with the choir. Fewer than four percent of Minnesota's high school musicians were nominated.

Blessings in Milaca



The Rev. Daniel Carlson was installed as pastor of St. Paul's, Milaca, on Sept. 30. From left, the Revs. Don Polege, Marty Mably, Don Fondow (district president and installer), Carlson, Micah Schmidt, Tim Renstrom and Daniel Lewis.



'Fifth Quarter' outreach

Trinity, Ortonville, is located directly across from the Ortonville High School football field. The evangelism committee sponsors "The Fifth Quarter" after home football games. Fans gather in Trinity's parking lot for hot chocolate, hot cider, cookies and bars after the games. Trinity members see this as one low key way they can be visible in the community.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

ARISE, SHINE!

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.”

— Is. 60:1



These words declare to us the Epiphany season. While our hearts are still remembering and our homes are still smelling of the Christmas season, this text presents a kind of challenge to us. Our **light** has indeed come!

The crude and overwhelming darkness which covered Isaiah's world, and the 12 disciples' world, still covers our groping, stumbling world. But the **light** from heaven, God's own dear Son, came down to earth to shine so that we could confess with Simeon:

“For my eyes have seen your salvation ... a **light** for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.” — LUKE 2:30, 32

With this faith, with our “seeing” comes the challenge: “Arise, shine!” Spread the **light**, tell everyone what He has done! He has called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light.

LWML members know that this is a dual task. We rejoice in the work being done for us, in our name, by the larger missionary league. What wonderful Gospel work is being done on our behalf. But this is not enough; that work may not reach our neighbor!

For them we, each of us, are to arise and shine. For the Lord is risen upon each of our lives for His Epiphany mission: That all eyes may see and rejoice in His salvation. Jesus thy **light** has come. Arise and shine in Him!

Rev. Matthew Vrudny
Park Region Pastoral Counselor

Leaders meet in St. Louis

From left, Rev. Matthew Vrudny, pastoral counselor; Kathy Brandt, regional vice-president; Marilyn Hiltel, president; and Karen Gorentz (Dent).



The LWML Assembly of Leaders gathered Nov. 7-10 in St. Louis under the theme “Follow the Leader.” Attending from the Minnesota North District are those pictured above. The participants were presented with practical leadership ideas, inspiration and hands-on activities.

The next step is to share and communicate what was learned with the the zones and congregations throughout the Minnesota North District. Bible

study and fellowship will be part of the sharing. Be on the lookout for the schedule of sessions throughout the district. Make plans to attend.

Catch the enthusiasm we have for the valuable work of the LWML!

“What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.” — PHIL. 4:9

MORA WORKSHOP



Pictured with boxes of supplies for Black Dog Hill, the battered women's shelter in Mora, are, from left: Alvera Posey, Zion, Mora; Dianne Berg, St. Paul's, Ogilvie; Joan Erickson, Zion; and Marge Deal, St. Paul's. Other shelters receiving supplies were WINDOW (Women in Need Depending on Women) in Carlton and Hinckley, and Pearl Crisis Center in Milaca.

Kettle River Zone holds Fall Workshop



The Kettle River Zone LWML Fall Workshop was held at Peace, Finlayson, and focused on providing necessary supplies for four battered women's shelters. The zone partnered with Thrivent Financial in Carlton to provide funding for the workshop. Pictured are some of the women selecting items for one of the shelters.



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