



**ST. PAUL'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

**March 2024**

## *Pastor's Message*

### Remember You Are Rich



As prices have gone up in our country, do you feel poorer? Utilities and water are more costly. Groceries have gotten more expensive. We pump extra money into transportation. Do you look at what it costs to run a household, to fund an active ministry, or to make ends meet in retirement, and want to hyperventilate? A lot of Americans think they are poor. Most in other nations have less. Yet even God acknowledged how little the people of Smyrna had according to the standards of this world.

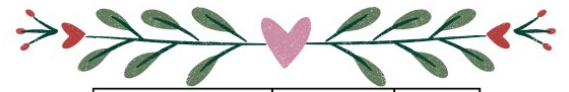
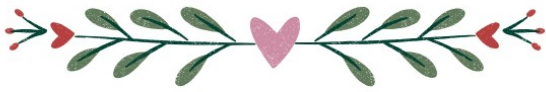
**Revelation 2** <sup>9</sup> I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup> Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

We aren't sure what the afflictions and poverty of the Smyrnan Christians were. The Roman government may have confiscated their property and possessions for failing to worship the emperor. They could have been imprisoned for their faith. Perhaps they were economically discriminated against by others in their city. They certainly came up short on support from the Jews around them, those bad-mouthing children of the devil. The Smyrnan Christians were underfunded on comfort and ease. They lacked freedom, being behind bars.

Yet they were actually rich! They had it all. They were redeemed by the blood of Jesus, more precious than silver or gold. In Christ they had all the wealth of the heavenly realms. They possessed the treasure of the gospel in jars of clay. As they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, they mined new gems and old ones. They owned the great gain of godliness with contentment.

During the pandemic, there were companies and individuals that lost tens of billions of dollars. Some individuals earned billions and companies gained over \$1 trillion. Money comes and goes so quickly. Yet when Jesus said, "It is finished," there was more stockpiled for you than any CEO has ever possessed. When you were baptized, you became wealthier than the savviest tech tycoon. When you come empty-handed to the Lord's Table, you walk away with the largest fortune credited to your account. Your riches can never be depleted or drained. Your account with the Lord is full in Christ. Persecution and poverty here only last a little while. But riches in Christ never run out. Our treasures kept in heaven never perish, spoil, or fade.

So even and especially when you feel poor here, simply be faithful. Be faithful to the Lord Jesus, who did not fail to die and rise for you and does follow through on all his promises. Be faithful in your use of his Word and Sacrament, through which he refreshes your account. Be faithful to live in gratitude toward him, rich in good deeds and generous with your hours and abilities. Be faithful with the resources he has entrusted to you: giving cheerfully, generously, trustingly. Be faithful in holding out the treasure of the gospel with your family and community. You can do this because the same LORD who owns the earth and everything in it has bought you back with the blood of Christ. Remember, you are rich!



# Happy Birthday

AND GOD'S BLESSINGS!



<b>Probst</b>	<b>Rachel</b>	<b>Apr 1</b>
<b>Sprenger</b>	<b>Andy</b>	<b>Apr 1</b>
<b>Prem</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Apr 1</b>
<b>Lauersdorf</b>	<b>Doris</b>	<b>Apr 1</b>
Anhalt	<b>Tim</b>	<b>Apr 2</b>
<b>Radue</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Apr 2</b>
Hansen	<b>Larry</b>	<b>Apr 3</b>
Maass	<b>Samuel</b>	<b>Apr 3</b>
Hahn	<b>Mason</b>	<b>Apr 3</b>
Eirich	<b>Marilyn</b>	<b>Apr 3</b>
Kracht	<b>Julie</b>	<b>Apr 3</b>
Reinemann	<b>Wendy</b>	<b>Apr 3</b>
Langdon	<b>Nevaeh</b>	<b>Apr 4</b>
Holzward	<b>Mackenzie</b>	<b>Apr 4</b>
<b>Bode</b>	<b>Asa</b>	<b>Apr 5</b>
Holzward	<b>Kendall</b>	<b>Apr 5</b>
Curia	<b>Paschal</b>	<b>Apr 5</b>
Wuestenhagen	<b>Dale</b>	<b>Apr 6</b>
<b>Dais</b>	<b>Joshua</b>	<b>Apr 6</b>
<b>Grunwald</b>	<b>Emily</b>	<b>Apr 7</b>

<b>Hemenway</b>	<b>Alexander</b>	<b>Apr 7</b>
<b>Valukas</b>	<b>Norah</b>	<b>Apr 7</b>
<b>Grunewald</b>	<b>Martin</b>	<b>Apr 7</b>
<b>Headrick</b>	<b>Edie</b>	<b>Apr 8</b>
Hansen	<b>Robert</b>	<b>Apr 9</b>
<b>Kuether</b>	<b>Erin</b>	<b>Apr 11</b>
Bulitz	<b>Regina</b>	<b>Apr 12</b>
<b>Rasmussen</b>	<b>Riley</b>	<b>Apr 13</b>
<b>Rasmussen</b>	<b>Morgan</b>	<b>Apr 13</b>
Binsfeld	<b>Alyssa</b>	<b>Apr 13</b>
Harbach	<b>Konni</b>	<b>Apr 13</b>
<b>Terrazas</b>	<b>Aadin</b>	<b>Apr 14</b>
<b>Damrow</b>	<b>Drew</b>	<b>Apr 14</b>
<b>Strauss</b>	<b>Sandra</b>	<b>Apr 14</b>

<b>Voss</b>	<b>Michelle</b>	<b>Apr 15</b>
<b>Damrow</b>	<b>Tom</b>	<b>Apr 15</b>
Austreng	<b>Mariah</b>	<b>Apr 15</b>
<b>Hayner</b>	<b>Taylor</b>	<b>Apr 15</b>
<b>Wehrmann</b>	<b>Braelyn</b>	<b>Apr 15</b>
Marten	<b>Dawn</b>	<b>Apr 16</b>
<b>Dexheimer</b>	<b>Georgene</b>	<b>Apr 16</b>
<b>Olson</b>	<b>Ashleigh</b>	<b>Apr 17</b>
<b>Wolfert</b>	<b>Deklyn</b>	<b>Apr 21</b>
<b>Vant Hul</b>	<b>Susan</b>	<b>Apr 22</b>
<b>Rieth</b>	<b>Kimberly</b>	<b>Apr 22</b>
<b>Mueller</b>	<b>Donald</b>	<b>Apr 23</b>
<b>Oleck</b>	<b>Kevin</b>	<b>Apr 24</b>
Eick	<b>Cooper</b>	<b>Apr 26</b>
Haas	<b>Ashlee</b>	<b>Apr 26</b>
Haas	<b>Abigail</b>	<b>Apr 26</b>
Hahn	<b>Nolan</b>	<b>Apr 26</b>
<b>Sprenger</b>	<b>Mandy</b>	<b>Apr 26</b>
<b>Stauss</b>	<b>Kelly</b>	<b>Apr 27</b>
<b>Brooks</b>	<b>Ashleigh</b>	<b>Apr 28</b>



# Happy Anniversary!



<b>Neuman</b>	<b>Christopher &amp; Sue</b>	<b>Apr 4</b>
<b>Wehrmann</b>	<b>Randy &amp; Lori</b>	<b>Apr 6</b>
<b>Hayner</b>	<b>Chad &amp; Jackie</b>	<b>Apr 11</b>
<b>Kleinhans</b>	<b>Clark &amp; Sara</b>	<b>Apr 19</b>
<b>Weinhold</b>	<b>Dick &amp; Lori</b>	<b>Apr 20</b>

"Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." ~Mark 10:9

# Council Meeting Minutes

## March 6, 2024

Chairman: Eric Eickhoff  
Vice President: Doug Mattek  
Recording Secretary: Eric Specht  
Treasurer: Jim Van Alstine  
Financial Secretary: Kevin Mueller  
Elder Chairman: David Wehrmann  
Elder: Will Belitz

Evangelism: Brandon Lis  
Trustees: Trevor Wehrmann  
Activities: Luther Curia  
Principal Mike Wieting  
Pastor Adam Bode  
Staff Minister Luther Curia

The meeting was called to order by President Eric Eickhoff.

President Eickhoff opened the meeting with prayer.

The AV Committee is asking for funds to update our transmitter/receiver packs and ear pieces that the pastors use. The cost for this is around \$5300. The funds are available in the AV Fund.

Motion to replace the packs that the AV Committee requested, motion carried.

The Secretary's minutes from the February 7, 2024 Council Meeting were approved.

### Transfer In

- Victoria Engel
- Adam & Rebecca Huth (Caleb, Micah, Ester, Jonah)
- Judt Metzger

### Transfer Out

- Joe and Axl Eick

### Baptism

- Bennett Mason Schroeder

### Release

- Carisa Kleinhans

Motion to Approve the Membership Action Motion Carried

### Staff Minister Mr. Curia:

The Elders approved moving Christmas at St. Paul's from 12/15 to 12/22.

Seeking funding for the cost of chairs. 300 total chairs if purchased.

Motion for the request to move forward with this, motion carried.

Marriage Retreat held at Inn on Woodlake 2/9-2/10. Was hosted by

Christ Alone Theinsville had around 30 couples attend.

Hosting retreat at St. Paul's Harvest Room 3/15-16. Registration open

### Pastor Bode:

Upcoming Guest Pastors,

Harvest Room requests will give priority to bible class events.

Moms Group meets on Wednesday mornings to study the book of Joshua.

Our Sunday School Children's Offerings for this semester will go toward Bethel Lutheran Church Hispanic / Anglo outreach in Menasha, WI.

Pioneers: A camping unit to be unrolled during Lent. Pine car races will be on March 24 at 1 pm. Kits are available for purchase.

### Current membership:

Communicants = 674

Children/Other = 165

Total = 839

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### Pastor Bode:

Scheduled for Confirmation - Derek Andrews, Olen Berg, Bryce Bonack, Paschal Curia, Ruth Davis (Calvary), Brooke Heilman, Kendall Holzwart, Hannah Krell, Abby Leverenz, Madilyn Schueler, Lexi Schuenemann, Braden Sixel, Blake Valukas.

Day School -- Enrollment: 118

Our LES Children's Offerings for this semester will go toward the Shining Through Christ community service group at MLHS.

Garden Gym - a policy is being developed to expand the Garden Gym usage for more member times.

On February 28, St. Paul's called Jennifer Hacker to be our next 3-4 grade teacher, duties to begin this summer.

Thanks to the Elders who are assisting with Shut-ins

Thanks to Todd Marten, Eric Vant Hul, and Michael Wieting, who have agreed to preside (liturgy) on some Monday evenings!

Confirmation - May 5.

Due to having 13 confirmands, Luther and I are proposing 3 services: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am.

Confirmation in the 11:00 am service.

Having Sunday School

No adult Bible study

(Examination 1pm on May 4)

We will continue our joint ascension service this year with SJSP & Calvary.

### Elder's Report

Met with Pastor Olson and President Eickhoff, after a long discussion we have decided to go with a Lead Pastor and an associate Pastor. We will meet again tomorrow evening 3-7-24 to discuss if we will call a Lead Pastor or an Associate Pastor. Looking to have our call meeting around Easter would not be able to happen until April 15th at the earliest.

### Principal's Report

Pastor Kock is willing to receive another one year call to serve as a principal relief teacher.

3-4th grade classroom. Things seem to be going well and a few students are having a difficult time with the change of Teachers mid year. We are working through this.

Mr. Johnson's schedule was very full and now that he is teaching full time he does not have the time to do intervention and administration duties that he has to do. He is staying on top of it as of now.

Mrs. Jennifer Hacker has been called to serve as our 3rd-4th grade teacher beginning on July 1, 2024. All call documentation has been forwarded to her. Her email is jjhacker07@yahoo.com, and her phone is 231-709-1315. Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates.

### School Board Report

Reviewing 3k aide options

Principal Wieting has contacted MLC about a mid-year graduate.

Fred Pahmeier to assist with afternoon intervention while Mr. Johnson is teaching in the 3rd-4th grade room.

Pastor Koch is a tentative yes for Principal Relief Teacher fro 2024/2025

The School Board is looking for approval to make Mr Johnson's call a full time call between intervention and admin role. This is being paid for by a grant we could possibly get funding for through school choice. The School Board will look into this a little deeper and discuss it again next month.



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Current School Board positions for the year: Chairman (Dan), Secretary (Justin), PTF Liaison (Nick), Activities (Flames) Liaison (Zach), Hot Lunch (Zach), HR / Staffing Point Person (Fred)  
Teacher anniversaries this year are as follows

Mrs. Meitner 5 years

Principal Wieting 25 years

Ms. Doletzky 30 years

Mr. Meitner is also at 5 years (Elders did take care of this)

### Treasurer Report

#### Revenue

Offerings for the month of February (4 Sundays & 2 Lent services) totaled \$64,400 (averaging \$17,600 per week) down from January (4 Sundays), which totaled \$70,400 (averaging \$17,600 per week and compared to last year February-2023 (4 Sundays & 1 Lent service) totaled \$64,100. Year to date, offerings are running \$56,000 under budget. Tuition on the other hand is running \$23,700 over budget. A planned School Choice payment of \$73,100 was received in February. A final School Choice installment is planned for May. Expenses except for interest are close to budget so far this year.

Special donations received in February were:

- We received an additional \$6,100 for Growing Forward.
- \$3,000 for the School Fund with \$2,000 specifically for the Pre School.
- \$500 for the Evangelism Fund
- \$250 for Faith for the Future.

#### Expenses

Church Expenses are \$3,600 under budget/ Wages and benefits are at budget while supplies, seminars and Youth activities expenses are under budget.

School expenses are running \$37,200 over budget due to more hours and higher wages for School Aides and extra Hot Lunch Helper. Higher food costs and more hot lunch sales are driving hot lunch costs over budget.

Property / shared expenses are running \$27,000 under budget. With the added school space, custodian wages are running higher than budget. We are still seeing lower utility costs so far. Thanks to a warmer than normal winter. Snow removal is right on budget so far. With 26-28 workers on the payroll the processing fees are running over budget.

Missions: Monthly payments to WELS and MLHS were made to budgeted amounts.

The Total Expenses including interest are close to budget while revenue is \$25,100 under budget resulting in a Net Result of (\$37,700), compared to a planned (\$34,000) loss.

#### Building Expansion:

At the end of February outstanding pledges for Growing Forward stand at \$186,800.

A final contractor payment of \$6,600 was made in February. The Oostburg loan balance now is at \$2,876,900.

### Trustee's Report

Small drywall and tile issues are being dealt with in the new building.

If there are any type of building needs or changes. Please run them through the Trustee's. Our building is bigger and we are coming up with new ways to keep ourselves organized.

Still looking for a back-up Custodian position. Would be an on call type position.

### Evangelism Report

Reviewing the New Member process to see what<sup>5</sup> is working and what isn't.

Living Nativity has contacted evangelism about doing some outreach together.

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## Evangelism Report

Evaluating the new member program looking for feedback.

Living Nativity requested help from Evangelism with Parade and some other events.

Social media is up and running just trying to establish some ground rules for this.

The committee is also working on a new more streamline school and church brochure. Current brochure is a trifold and our printer can no longer accommodate the trifold. The plan is to make a two sided brochure with one side featuring the church and the other will feature the school.

## Activities Report

3/14 is Pi Night, This is a simple congregation and school family mixer

Community Easter Egg Hunt 3/30

## Officer's Report

Approved Huth Family's son for a partial grant for Caleb Huth.

Cory Schreoder will continue to get the financial committee going.

## WELS

### **Missionaries called to explore new world mission fields**

The Board for World Missions, working alongside the various World Missions One Teams, has identified new world mission fields and is taking steps to deploy missionaries into three new areas. "Spreading God's Word in any and every place is our high calling," says Rev. Larry Schlomer, World Missions administrator. "We ask the Lord of the harvest to use us to bring many into his kingdom through our work."

**Missionaries asked to relocate to Australia**-Two missionaries from the Asia One Team, currently based in Chiang Mai, Thailand, have been asked to consider relocating to begin outreach based in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. Schlomer shares, "People in Australia have asked us for help. WELS members who have moved to Australia, brothers and sisters who have had to move from Hong Kong, and long-time partners in churches in the Brisbane area, have reached out. It is a joy to be able to meet these needs with WELS missionaries." Both missionaries would remain on the Asia One Team as they continue their work with contacts throughout Asia.

**Calls issued for Muslim outreach in Senegal**-Two calls have been issued to explore new outreach in the West African country of Senegal. The goal would be for new missionaries to spend up to six months living with a Muslim family from the Wolof tribe, immersing themselves in the culture and language of the people they are trying to reach with the gospel. Once they have a better understanding of the culture and Muslim influence, they would develop more specific plans for outreach. The Board for World Missions is committed to supporting this new mission field for a minimum of two years in order to give the missionaries ample time to work within the culture. Learn more about this opportunity at [wels.net/mission-work-approved-in-senegal](http://wels.net/mission-work-approved-in-senegal).

**New Native American outreach in Four Corners region**-The Board for World Missions has approved a new missionary position to coordinate outreach to the Native American tribes in the Four Corners area of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado. This new missionary would be tasked with developing a new model for Native American outreach, working closely with native Apache members who want to reach out to friends and family members from other tribes with the pure gospel message. He will work closely with Missionary John Holtz, who leads the discipleship arm of the Native Christians Network and is training Apache WELS members for service and outreach through the Apache Christian Training School (ACTS) program. This missionary also will coordinate with Christ the Rock, Farmington, N.M., to develop existing outreach to Native Americans in the area and work to expand digital outreach efforts.

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“These new fields will allow us to bring the gospel to places where the announcement of pure grace is scarce or even nonexistent,” says Schlomer. “May God use these missionaries to bring joy in sadness and hope where darkness has hidden God’s face.”

## **New Partnership To Broaden Outreach Efforts**

“We live in a world of rapid change, and this is true also in the area of theological education as the line between home and world missions disappears,” says Bradley Wordell, world mission seminary professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS), Mequon, Wis.

One of the changes in education comes because of circular immigration. As God brings refugees and immigrants to the United States, congregations reach out to them with support and the gospel. “Then they have the desire to learn more, to share the gospel with other immigrants, and to bring the gospel back to their home countries. They introduce to us candidates for gospel ministry,” says Wordell. This circular immigration gives us a complete partnership in the gospel. The second group of people who are changing the education landscape are Christians throughout the world who have already gathered together in groups, churches, and communities. They want support, training, and connection to a church body that shares the good news that Jesus has done it all and that the Bible is true.

Until now, the seminary has handled these requests through two programs, the Pastoral Studies Institute of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (PSI) and the world mission seminary program. The PSI helps non-traditional students through its preseminary and seminary training. PSI director E. Allen Sorum works with local pastors to help provide training for North American-based students. For the world mission seminary program, WLS professors travel throughout the world teaching courses in seminaries that are part of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference. In 2015–16, 7 members of the seminary faculty administered 10 different courses in 9 countries to more than 100 students as well as 100 pastors and a few members.

PSI director E. Allen Sorum (far left) traveled with Peter Bur, a South Sudanese pastor, to Kenya in 2015 to meet with and train spiritual leaders for South Sudanese refugees as well as pastors in a Kenyan church body looking to establish fellowship.

Today, more than 300 potential students are contacting our church body looking for support and training in their journey toward becoming confessional Lutherans. With the abundance of people reaching out, the scope of requests is beyond that of missionaries to handle while serving their people and is more than the seminary faculty can undertake while maintaining a high level of education on the Mequon campus. To address this God-given opportunity, the Synodical Council approved a position of international recruitment director. Jon Bare, a 2008 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, began serving in this position in summer 2016.

“The creation of this team connects World Missions, Home Missions, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in a new and exciting way,” says Bare. His task is to coordinate with the world mission seminary professor and the PSI director to implement a culturally informed vetting process for individuals as well as church bodies who wish to become part of our church body’s worldwide outreach. This team will administer a curriculum for men in America and abroad who want to serve as pastors in these church bodies. Bare will work closely with Sorum and Wordell to also develop an appropriate assessment of skills and abilities in ministry and negotiate the appropriate degree or certificate that the student would receive upon the completion of his given level of training.

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“The three of us each bring our unique gifts, strengths, and experiences to this new team. This partnership will serve to meet the emerging needs for training God’s people at home and around the world,” says Bare. “I am excited to see how God will continue to grow his kingdom and equip new workers.”

Through all these changes, one thing that doesn’t change is the seminary’s mission. “We prepare pastors and we provide continuing education for pastors,” says Paul O. Wendland, seminary president. “At the same time, the ministry is adapting. The Mequon campus is more a base of operations than a single venue for theological and pastoral training. With more than 300 potential students from around the world asking for help, we have an incredible opportunity.”

### **Changes in WELS administration**

Early 2024 will see changes to the administration for two areas of ministry.

#### **Missions**

WELS Missions welcomes Mark Gabb as the new administrator for WELS Home Missions. Gabb began serving in this role in January following a vacancy in the position since spring 2022, when previous administrator Keith Free accepted a call to parish ministry.

Gabb is taking on this role during an important time: A new initiative, “100 Missions in 10 Years,” officially was launched at the 2023 synod convention. “Together we can do what most individual congregations can’t do alone, and that is plant new churches throughout North America,” he says. “We bring a wealth of expertise from our district mission board members and mission counselors, and we have a partnership with WELS Church Extension Fund that provides grants and loans to our new missions. All this helps us to carry out the outreach aspect of Christ’s Great Commission.”

#### **Worship**

Bryan Gerlach, director of the WELS Commission on Worship, has announced his intention to retire. He will partially retire mid-2024 but continue serving until the planning for next summer’s National Conference on Worship, Music, and the Arts is completed. He will fully retire after the conference takes place July 30–Aug. 2.

The Conference of Presidents has asked Paul Prange to begin serving immediately as the interim director of the Commission on Worship. Prange currently serves as administrator of the Board for Ministerial Education and chairman of the Joint Mission Council. He will retain these responsibilities. Prange will serve as interim director until a staffing review takes place at the end of 2024. “Because Prange’s work will take place in the areas of ministerial education, missions, and worship, he will have the opportunity to develop increased coordination and cooperation among these various synodical entities,” says WELS President Mark Schroeder.

#### **Evangelism**

The Commission on Evangelism exists to assist congregations to seize every opportunity the Lord provides to evangelize lost souls. Our service to WELS is to develop and promote evangelism resources that faithfully proclaim the truth of Scripture to the lost; to promote evangelism attitudes, structures, and programs consistent with Christian doctrine and the situation into which God has called a church, its pastors, and its people; and to promote the “equipping of the saints” for organized congregational evangelism and individual Christian witness.



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### Mision Statement

This commission assists congregations to seize opportunities the Lord provides to evangelize lost souls by developing and promoting evangelism resources and by promoting evangelism attitudes, structures, and programs consistent with Christian doctrine.

Want to share the gospel with someone who doesn't know Jesus? Point them to What About Jesus, a website that presents basic belief topics in an easy-to-understand format for those who aren't familiar with God's Word.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

MLC Spring Choir Tour 2024 March 1 - March 10

Pathways to Christ Women's Retreat March 1 - March 3

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Spring Choir Tour March 24 - March 31

Taste of Missions 2024 June 15

WELS International Youth Rally June 25 - June 28

WELS Sunday School Conference July 20

2024 WELS Women's Ministry Conference July 28 - July 30

National Worship Conference July 30 - August 2

Lutheran Girl Pioneer International Convention October 4 - October 5

### Why a Donor Advised Fund?

From time to time, a WELS member may be faced with a larger than expected financial blessing that opens the door for giving to the Lord's work without enough time to distribute the extra blessing nor the desire to engage in multiple transactions to help several charities. Enter the donor advised fund (DAF), which permits you to make charitable gifts to those organizations you care about most, at the time you choose, often with expert advice and assistance.

### The ABCs of a DAF

A DAF is like a charitable investment account for the purpose of supporting the WELS ministries you care about. When you contribute cash, securities, or other assets to a DAF, you are generally able to take an immediate income tax deduction as well as avoid capital gain taxes from the gift of appreciated property. Those funds may then be invested for tax-free growth, and you have the flexibility to recommend distributions from time to time to qualified WELS ministries.

(Requesting distributions from your WELS Foundation donor advised fund is easy. Simply fill out WELS Foundation's online request form.)

If you have a DAF, consider what will happen to the funds in the future when you are no longer there to make decisions about the disposition of funds. Either you can entrust the decision-making to your heirs on how the funds are to be distributed, or you can designate the remainder from a terminating DAF to create an endowment or fund a special project.

### Using a DAF to itemize

With recent tax and economic changes, many people no longer itemize their deductions. With a DAF, an individual can bunch several years of charitable gifts into a single year, allowing them to itemize in that year.

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### More information

Over the past several years, there has been a substantial increase in the popularity of DAFs, and more people are giving to WELS in that way, which means a blessing for those who receive the Word of God through us. If we can provide more information about supporting your congregation, WELS, and WELS-affiliated ministries through a WELS Foundation DAF, please contact us at 800-827-5482 or mcg@wels.net.

### *Making Distributions from a Non-WELS Foundation DAF*

To make a gift to support the gospel of Jesus Christ through WELS from your non-WELS Foundation DAF, contact your sponsoring organization to recommend a grant and give them the following:

- Our legal name: WELS Foundation, Inc.
- Our federal tax ID #: 39-6084446
- Our mailing address:

WELS Foundation

N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive

Waukesha, WI 53188-1108

### MLHS:

- Click [here](#) for the Lancer Express, a weekly video update.
- School Choice vouchers for 2024-2025 can be applied for now.
- Lancer for a Day is coming up on March 8.
- The musical “Bye Bye Birdie” will be presented March 8-10
- Campaign update - Info [at this link](#).
- St. Paul’s federation delegates to MLHS are Pastor Bode, Principal Michael Wieting, Jim Van Alstine, Will Belitz, Kevin Mueller, Mike Heilman, and Tom Sawall.

Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS) Governing Board

- I am serving a 6-year term on the MLS GB as a representative of the Northern Wisconsin District of the WELS. My term ends in June of 2024. I am not eligible for re-election since that seat on the board rotates to a different district.
- Occasional virtual meetings to call for a Dean and a Recruitment Director.

### Old Business:

Request to host the October Pastor’s Conference here at St Paul’s on October 15 and 16th in the Harvest Room. As many as 140-150 pastors could attend. After some discussion with Mrs. Wieting, this event should not interfere with school. This was time sensitive for approval which was done through an email and was unanimously approved.

The biggest needs would be food preparers and servers. The conference covers the cost of all of the food. In the past it has been catered. We would need people to volunteer to serve light refreshments each morning as well as a sit down lunch and afternoon snack on the first day. We did make this official with a motion to host the Pastor’s Conference, motion carried. We are very blessed to be able to host an event like this. Thanks be to God.

# Council Meeting Minutes

## March 6, 2024

### New Business:

1. Harvest Room use request  
Education April 17th on dementia for Harvest Home to use the Harvest Room. 4p.m.-6p.m.  
20 to 30 Families. Motion to approve this request, motion carries.
2. Living Nativity Location Request Approval  
Can use the same location for setup as they have in the past year.  
Motion to approve this request, motion carries.
3. Set meeting for Budget Committee  
Would like to approve the budget at the Voters meeting on June 9th  
Budget meeting will be Thursday at 6:30 P.M. April 18th
4. The Date for the Voters Meeting will be June 9th.

Motion to adjourn the meeting, motion carried.

Pastor Bode closed the meeting with Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Eric Specht

# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>7</b> Greece Trip 8am Worship 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Worship	<b>8</b> Greece Trip 6pm Worship	<b>9</b> Greece Trip	<b>10</b> 8:30am M.M. Study 9am Bible Study 9:45am M.M. Play Date 4:15pm P.S. Catechism 6:30pm Evangelism	<b>11</b> 1:30pm Ladies Aid 4pm Gym Reserved	<b>12</b> MLHS Music Festival	<b>13</b> MLHS Academic Fair
<b>14</b> 8am Worship 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Worship 11:45am Voters Mtg for Pastor Call	<b>15</b> Pastors Conference 6pm Worship 7pm Adult Choir Practice	<b>16</b> 6pm PTF	<b>17</b> 8:30am M.M. Study 9am Bible Study 9:45am M.M. Play Date 4pm Harvest Home Family Connection Night 4:15pm P.S. Catechism 6:30pm Officers 6:30pm School Board	<b>18</b> 4pm Gym Reserved	<b>19</b> 5pm Harvest Room Reserved	<b>20</b> 9am Women's Retreat
<b>21</b> K-1st Sing Both Services 8am Worship 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Worship	<b>22</b> 4:30pm Trustees 6pm Worship 7pm Adult Choir Practice	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8:30am M.M. Study 9am Bible Study 9:45am M.M. Play Date 4:15pm P.S. Catechism 6:30pm Elders	<b>25</b> 4pm Gym Reserved	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8am Worship 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Worship	<b>29</b> 6pm Worship 7pm Adult Choir Practice	<b>30</b>				