

Welcome Visitor

**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lauium, MI &
St. John's Lutheran Church, Hubbell, MI**

James K. Fundum, Pastor

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Dear Christian friends,

Many 1st century Greeks didn't believe in resurrected bodies. They had no problem with immortal souls. They had no problem with spiritual resurrections. But they wouldn't believe that a body could rise up from the tomb leaving neatly-folded burial cloths behind. They were called Gnostics. They saw the body as little more than a container, a tin can, a shell. They said all that really matters is the inner spiritual aspects of who we are. At death, the soul was said to leave the inferior body behind.

But we believe in the resurrection of the body! The actual, literal, physical raising of the dead body of Jesus to life again. A body that still bears the marks of His sacrifice. Easter is not just about Jesus living on in our memories or being alive in our hearts. He was really dead. His side was speared just to be certain. His glorified flesh is risen—touchable, tangible, and real. The body is what Easter is all about. It's about God redeeming our bodies in the body of His Son. It's about the physical resurrection from the dead. Jesus rose bodily and we will rise bodily.

What happens to our bodies matters to God. He created our bodies. He baptized them. He nourishes them. He blesses them. He makes our bodies His temple. We are to glorify God with our bodies. Jesus' holy Body and Blood enter our bodies in the Sacrament—a guarantee of the resurrection. That's the Christian comfort at a funeral. Our bodies and souls matter to God. We will not be disembodied spirits. Our bodies will be reunited with our souls on Judgment Day. *"The Lord Jesus Christ will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body."* We believe, teach, and confess what Job believed, taught, and confessed, *"I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. I myself will see Him with mine own eyes...."*

May you rejoice this Easter in the resurrection of the body!
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluhia!

Pastor Fundum

PRAYERS: Please continue to pray for Jerry Babula (*Diana's cousin's husband*), Mary Jo Crawford, Donna Frusti, Kenneth Fundum, Lynn Harvey (*Jack & Wanda's daughter-in-law*), Marian Ingersoll (*Niemelas' friend*), Sara Jilbert (*Sue Gregorich & Jean Buschell's mother*), Jeff Johnson (Terry & Chari's son), Al Jorgenson, Verner Keskitalo (*Joan Dostaler's uncle*), Carl Kiilunen, Doris Kitti, Ellen Krause, Tresten Lepisto (*Gordie & Kris' son*), Laurie MacIntosh (*Shirley's daughter-in-law*), Reuben LaMothe, John Lehto, Mildred Loughner, Marcia Miller, Bill, Carl, & Raymond Nelson, Mae Niemela, Darcy O'Hara (*Terry Johnson's niece*), Chad Roy (*Joan Dostaler's cousin*), Paul Sapianza (*Grace Ala's relative*), Ben Schuler (*Myles & Sue Gregorich's grandson*), Betty Schumacher (*Bev Lahti's daughter*), Debbie Tanner (*Michelle Mahrley's step-mother*), Phyllis Tapani (*Marcy's aunt*), Joe Winter (*Roxanne Narhi's father*).....

Please pray for Adam Johnson and all who are deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq. Also pray for those who are suffering in Chile and Haiti

FUNERALS – We pray for the family of Jack Smith (Reino & Robert Narhi are cousins) who died 3/8 in Duluth. We pray for Frances Mills and her family upon the death of her mother, Ione Holtz. The funeral was March 9th at St. Martin Lutheran Church (LCMS), Clintonville, WI.

We pray for the family of James Doyle, the husband of Shirley Doyle and father of Lynn Harvey. (Jack & Wanda's daughter-in-law's father)

BIRTHS: The Lord has blessed Nicole and Jason Gauthier with a precious baby boy named Brady Lee Gauthier March 15, 2010. His Grandparents are Gary and Pat Jorgenson and Great Grandparents are Alan and Pat Jorgenson.

REGISTER ONLINE FOR SUMMER CAMP 2010 AT www.campluther.com!! Register soon to ensure your first choice week and village at our secure website. **And don't forget to bring a friend who has never been to Camp Luther before, and you will both get a 20% discount!! There is something for everyone this summer – mothers and daughters, first-time stay-over-night campers, grandparents and their grandkids and those looking for family fun over the Fourth of July!**

HOW CAN YOU HELP AT CAMP LUTHER?

Workbees: April 23-25 and May 14-16 Our spring workbees have lots of activity, and help to improve and maintain Camp Luther in ways that are invaluable!! Plus you receive free lodging and meals to boot! If these dates don't work with your schedule, call our office at 877-264-CAMP to see if there are other dates when you may be able to help. **Be an RV volunteer! Contact Mike "Mutt" Rieck for more information or go to campluther.com.**

Be a Camp Luther Communicator: Be a "champion" for Camp Luther in your home congregation, promoting its programs and needs. You could also load up your small group and head to Camp Luther to learn more together. Your only cost would be \$7.25 for lunch, please call ahead so that our staff can plan a tour for you.

OUTREACH: Please continue to remember our ongoing collections of *non-perishable food items and paper products* for the local Food Pantry, toiletries for the Shelter Home for Abused Women or Omega House, Stamps for missions, layette items for Lutheran World Relief and Campbell's Soup Labels for Camp Luther. Items may be brought to either Church and left in the back. Someone will see that they get to the proper place. Thank you for your contributions!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our **Hearts for Jesus** campaign this year benefiting the Children's Christian Concern Society, netted \$33.65. It was decided that we would send a check for \$35.00 to The North Wisconsin District LCMS, Hearts for Jesus Project.

The *18th Annual Big Brothers, Big Sisters Bowl for Kids* took place on 03/20/10. We had three bowlers, Mitchell and Madison Ninko and Shannon Schreiber. We started our bowling at noon at The Mine Shaft in Houghton. Each person raised \$35.00 in donations for a total of \$105.00. We had a lot of fun bowling. We had pizza for lunch. Mitchell won a twelve pack of Mountain Dew, and also a two-liter bottle of Dr. Pepper.

Please keep saving your Campbell soup labels for us. Remember, we need the UPC part of the label, and not just the front of the label. Save the entire label, and we'll cut out the part that is needed. Thank you for your support!

Shannon Schreiber
St. Paul's Sunday School

CAMP LUTHER: St. Paul's Sunday school's Camp Luther visit has been postponed this year due to low funds and limited available dates to book in May. Each year our Camp Luther funds have been decreasing. Also, the only date available, according to Camp Luther, is May 8th. That is Mother's day weekend, and it is not a good weekend for everyone. We have decided to wait one year and attend in the Spring of 2011. We hope this is not too disappointing for all the kids who enjoy going every year. If anyone has any suggestions on how we can increase our funds, please let us know what you think. Some of the suggestions we have talked about are increasing the cost to each attendee, or finding drivers to volunteer to transport kids instead of paying for the bus which cost \$575.00 last year. For those kids, grades 3 to 8, who have never been to Summer Camp at Camp Luther, there are free scholarships available to attend a week of camp. You can go to campluther.com for more information. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shannon at 337-5791, or smschrei@att.net.

Youth Group to begin!

We are starting a "*Higher Things*" youth group @ St. Paul. It is for confirmed teens thru college age!

Our first meeting will be Wednesday, **April 28th at 6:30pm @ St. Paul**. All other meetings will be the 4th Wednesday of each month.

To learn more about Higher Things, visit their website at:

<http://www.higherthings.org/>

We'll have a bible study at each meeting and are planning some fun faith filled activities like lock-in's, retreats, conferences, bowling, etc!

Contact *Michelle Mahrley* w/ questions

yooperfamily@gmail.com or 369-1945

Ice Cream Social @ St. Paul Wednesday April 7th @ 6:00pm

Everyone is welcome to attend the ice cream social kick off party for our new Children's midweek program "HIS kids".

Come and learn more about the program and things we plan to do. Please RSVP to Michelle Mahrley by April 4th so we know how much ice cream we need!

You can contact Michelle via email or phone

yooperfamily@gmail.com 369-1945.

HIS kids - new midweek program to start soon!

HIS kids is a new midweek program that will start April 14th @ St. Paul. It will be every Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:30pm. All potty trained children through 6th grade are welcome. This is not limited to children from our churches, so please spread the word and invite children that you know to join us. We are going to learn memory work, do servant events, learn bible stories, & more! The children will have a chance to earn prizes each week! For more information, please join us at the kick off party ice cream social 4/7/10 @ 6pm, or contact Michelle Mahrley yooperfamily@gmail.com or 369-1945

LWML: All ladies are invited to our monthly *LWML* meeting **Wednesday, April 21st @ 6:30pm** <---NOTE new time!
We will plan to meet @ *St. Paul* unless you hear otherwise.

We didn't make it to the *Young Women's and Young at Heart Retreat* this year – distance and schedules just didn't work. But we'll try again next year!

The UP (Zone 2) **LWML Spring Rally** will be Saturday, April 24 at *Sts Peter and Paul* church in Houghton, beginning at 9am. Registration fee is \$5 and lunch is included. The Bible study topic is God's Forgiveness. The ingathering will benefit the Life Outreach Center in Houghton: needed items include baby blankets (prefer handmade), bottles, diapers, and any gently used baby items. All ladies are invited.

The **North Wisconsin District LWML 33rd Biennial Convention** is coming to Michigan Tech June 4-6, 2010 and you are invited! *“Forged by Word and Sacrament, we are “Refined by God” so that all may see the glory of His grace shine joyfully in our lives.”* The convention starts with registration and servant events beginning at 1pm on Friday, June 4, at Wadsworth Hall on the Michigan Tech campus. Registration information is in the Mission Tidings newsletter and on the web page www.nwdlwml.org or talk to Allison Hein, Michelle Mahrley, or any LWML member. Costs include \$45 for registration (\$55 after May 1), \$12 for the luncheon, and \$20 for the banquet. The convention begins at 7pm on Friday at Michigan Tech's SDC and continues all day on Saturday, concluding with sessions and a worship service on Sunday morning. The Mission Speaker will be **Dr. James Lamb** from *Lutherans for Life*. Luncheon speakers on Saturday will focus on social issues including prison ministry, domestic violence (featuring our own Mary Niemela as one of the presenters), and sexual assault. The servant events on Friday afternoon include card recycling, bandage making, marking Bibles, and making bookmarks (Michelle Mahrley is helping organize those). And, for the early bird exercisers, a Mites for Missions walk-a-thon will be held at 7am Saturday morning. We will have Bible studies, vote for new district officers (*Allison Hein* is a candidate for treasurer), select new mission grants, and meet old and new friends.

The banquet entertainment on Saturday night will be the local Suomalainen Sisters. Everyone is welcome. Please plan to join us for a wonderful weekend

We are still planning the convention – and you are welcome to help! We especially need hostesses to help the ladies find their way around Michigan Tech. The next planning meeting will be on Saturday, May 15 in Houghton. Please talk to Allison Hein (337-1487, amhein@mtu.edu) for more information.

North Wisconsin District 2008-2010 LWML Mission Grants

More information about the district LWML is found at:

www.nwdlwml.org

New grants will be selected at the Convention in Houghton in June.

National LWML MISSION GRANTS 2009-2011 Biennium

Give all thanks and praise to God!

2009-2011 National Mission Goal: \$1,825,000

Check out the LWML web page: www.lwml.org

1. Defray the Cost of Shipping Quilts by Lutheran World Relief - \$80,000
2. Concordia Seminary, St Louis Food Bank Relocation - \$50,000
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3. The Carpenter's Hands - Youth Refurbish Homes in Florida - \$26,000
pd
4. Psalm 69:14 Project - Emergency Disaster Aid in TX, OK, and LA- \$50,000
5. Digitize Classes for Specific Ministry Pastor Program - Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne - \$36,000
6. 10 Chapels, Transportation, and Pastoral Training in Tanzania - \$88,000
7. Body and Soul Care for Children in India - \$50,000
8. LCMS Prison Ministry Provides Devotional Materials - \$50,000
9. Lutheran Braille Workers Provide English Braille Bibles – Africa - \$100,000
10. Kyrgyzstan Locals Trained for Evangelism - \$100,000
11. The Hope Center for Refugees and Immigrants – Ohio - \$90,000

12. Human Care and Pastoral Ministries Developed in Latvia and Lithuania - \$87,500
13. Mission Support to Disabled Children - Dominican Republic - \$50,000
14. Native Leadership Scholarships for Students Enrolled in Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) - \$100,000
15. Humanitarian Care Outreach in Kazakhstan - \$90,000
16. International Student Ministry Provides Bibles and Christ-Oriented Resources - \$30,000
17. Earthquake Relief Aid and Church Plants in Peru - \$100,000
18. Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran Mission - St Louis - \$75,000 **pd**
19. Humanitarian Aid Opens Mission Field in North Korea (*partially funded*) - \$82,482

National LWML Mites Mission Story: The Hope Center for Refugees and Immigrants – Ohio - \$90,000

Check out the LWML web page: www.lwml.org

“The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the LORD your God.” (Lev. 19:34).

In August 2003, Building Hope in the City (BHITC) began as a mission organization in Cleveland, Ohio, to serve the people and communities where churches are located. The vision of the members of 153-year-old Trinity Lutheran Church has assisted many churches in developing missions that are tailor-made for their congregations and specific to their local mission visions. BHITC serves as a rallying point and springboard for hundreds of area Christians who want to express their faith and serve the Lord in new ways in the city. Hundreds of volunteers and dedicated staff in Cleveland, Akron, Cincinnati, and Youngstown have impacted the lives of thousands of their neighbors.

Volunteers provide English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, job training, tutoring, mentoring, resettlement assistance, and worship in the languages of Arabic, Swahili, and Kirindi. These programs build trust with new immigrants who are seeking the assurance and learning opportunities that will enable them to live better lives.

The bottom line in everything the volunteers do is building relationships; and it works. Buddhists, Hindus, Muslim, and Christian immigrants are favorably impressed when they learn that these valuable ministries are staffed by people who receive no money for what they are doing – Christians who are willing to give their time to learn about them and who respect them.

Imagine the Thanksgiving potluck dinner where Mokchiya, Buddhi, Santa, Sujata, Tanka, Godawari, and Tulashi shared their ethnic foods with their new American brothers and sisters and learned about their Christian religious heritage. They are now interested in Christianity and Lutheran schools, visiting churches, asking questions, and sharing what they have learned with their friends. This shared meal is just one small example of BHITC’s loving support.

The Hope Center, a new urban storefront, will serve as a city wide Lutheran hub, linking newly arriving refugees and immigrants with Lutheran congregations and the Word of God. Our mite dollars will allow them to continue and expand in ways that bless both the immigrant and the servant, the Pastor and those in the congregation. Please visit their website to learn more about them. www.buildinghopeinthecity.org

Beginning in February, **St. Paul’s council and voters meetings** will be held at 7:00pm on the second Thursday of the month – rather than the third Thursday. There are many decisions that the church council makes on your behalf, please attend the meetings and add your input to the operation of the church.

NEWSLETTER: The next issue of the Welcome Visitor is scheduled to be mailed out **April 26th** with Team 1 assembling. You can give your info to **Sarah Brewer** at 369-1956, sebrewer@charter.net, 25984 Lake Linden Ave. Calumet, MI 49913. Thank you!!

APRIL 2010

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OUR GIFTS TO GOD- March, 2010									
	Feb. 28	March 03	March 07	March 10	March 14	March 17	March 21	March 24	TOTAL
St. Paul's									
Envelopes	900	181	894		898	445.5	1048		
Plate	45	35	52		8	40	61		
Mission	35		146		65	60			
Booklets					4				
Flowers	10				20	10			
Copier			20						
Organ Tuning	125								
Memorials		25	15						
Luth.Hour/SSP&P			45				57.5		
LWML Sale			57.5						
TOTAL	1115	241	1229.5		995	555.5	1166.5		5302.5
Attendance	56	55	57		56	58	45		
Communed	44				49				
Sunday School									
Attendance	11		10		8		6		
Offering	24		28		25		19		123
Coffee Social	27								
St. John's									
Envelopes	665	146	935	173	844	121	1185	212	
Plate	70		1.2		38			5	
Missions			150				30		
Organ fund							20		
Memorials	20		20				25	256.71	
TOTAL	755	146	1106.2	173	882	121	1260	473.71	4916.91
Attendance	48	58	50	37	60	55	48	52	
Communed			41				43		