

# NEWS & NOTES

## What's Coming Up....

Sun. 1/26 9:00 AM Worship and WELS Connection  
 10:15 AM Open Forum  
 Mon. 1/27 Monday Night with Jesus  
 6:00 PM 7-8  
 6:30 PM 5-6  
 Wed. 1/29 10:00 AM Wed. Morning Bible Study  
 Sun. 2/2 9:00 AM Bible Study: Life of Christ  
 10:00 AM CLHS Choir Concert & Worship

*Note the time change!!!!*

## Willing Hands

<b>This Sunday: 1/26</b>	<b>Next Sunday 2/2</b>
Organist: Computer	Carol Johnson
Ushers: Bryan Becht	Jim Moldenauer
Tom Johnson	Tom Johnson
Altar Care: Nancy Bucklin	Janet Maesaka
Tellers: Jim Moldenhauer and Jean Tartaglia	
Kitchen Helpers: the Luckes	



**Summerlin Lutheran Church Officers:**  
 Please call our elected officers with questions.

Chairman: Mr. Chuck Ochsner  
 Vice-Chairman: Mr. Mark Boehringer  
 Treasurer: Mr. Eric Braun  
 Trustee: Mr. Mark Osterberg  
 Elder: Mr. Duane Meyer

## Coming Up:



**Church Open Forum  
 TODAY!!!**

During Fellowship Hour  
 Updates on budget, events, and church planning.

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**Sunday Morning Bible Study  
 Faith and Fellowship Hour  
 The Life of Christ**

Feb 2: Listen! God's Servant speaks with authority

**Wednesday Morning 10:00 AM**

**Romans**

Jan 29: Romans 9:1-29 Israel's unbelief kept them from triumphing in God's grace

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**Our Thanks to the Lord:** Our congregation has prayerfully and thankfully chosen to support the ministry of our church through our thank offerings.

Offerings needed per week:  
 Offerings for Sunday 1/19:

May God move us to continue freely and thankfully give to him from the blessings that he so freely and fully gives to us.



*We're here to  
Serve*

January 5	Joe Schindler	Larry Wiersum
January 12	Andrew Ryan	Mark Boehringer
January 19	Jim Moldenhauer	Tom Johnson
January 26	Bill Meyer	Bryan Becht
February 2	Jim Moldenhauer	Tom Johnson
February 9	Mark Boehringer	Jacob Stephens
February 16	Bill Meyer	Bryan Becht
February 23	Chuck Ochsner	Jacob Stephens
February 26:	Ash Wednesday	Jim Moldenhauer
March 1	Joe Schindler	Larry Wiersum
March 4	Jim Moldenhauer	
March 8	Andrew Ryan	Bryan Becht
March 11	Jim Moldenauer	
March 15	Bill Meyer	Joe Schindler
March 18	Jim Moldenauer	
March 22	Wally Marsh	Chuck Ochsner
March 25	Jim Moldenhauer	
March 29	Mark Boehringer	Larry Wiersum



We are looking for people who are willing to be part of our counting teams. Counting teams serve every other month to count the offerings. Counting usually takes place after the service or Bible Study and takes between 30 min. to an hour. If you are willing, contact Erik Braun, Chuck Ochsner, or Mark Boehringer.



## Knitting with Friends



February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6pm

For all adult skill levels and talents.

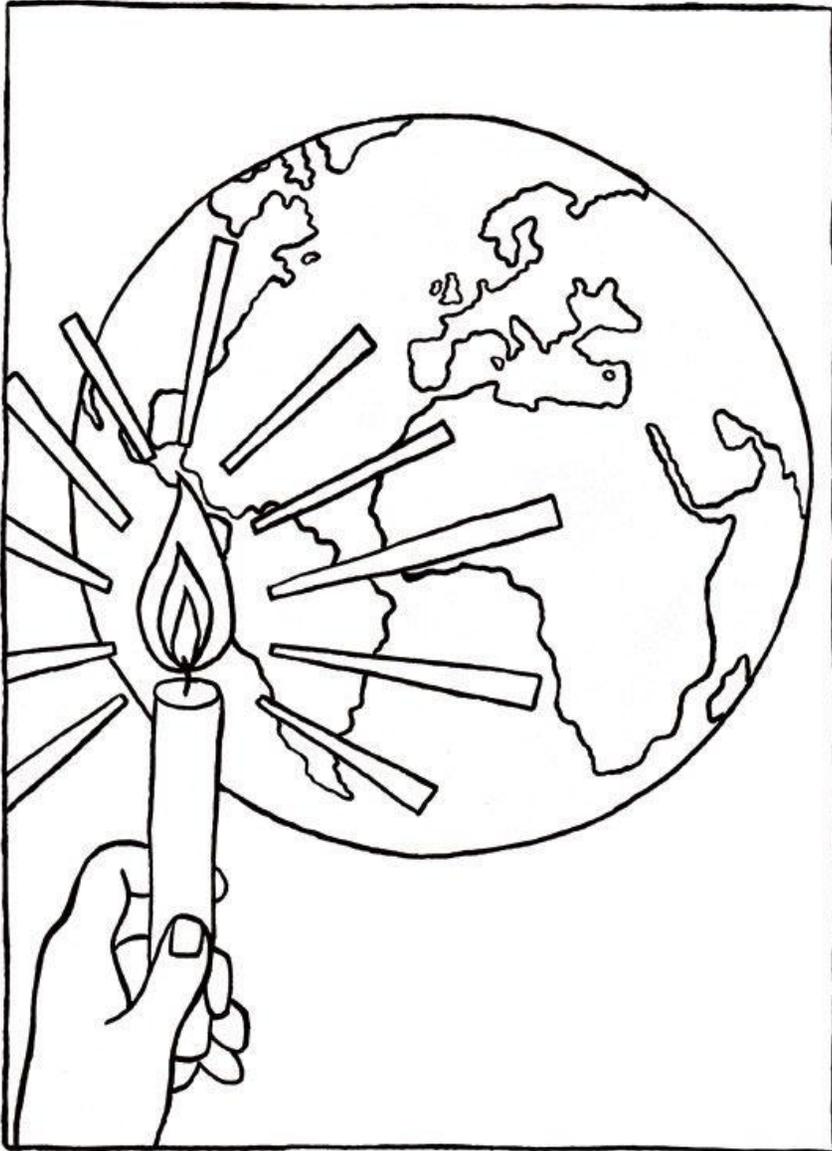
**Beginners:** Bring yarn and needles and learn to knit.

**Experienced:** Bring along a current project and work on it.

**Everyone:** Come and enjoy the time getting to know one another.

RSVP to Shawncee Osterberg

For the Young.... and Young at Heart  
Crayons are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.



Jesus is the Light of the World.

## WELS Together Newsletter

The Conference of Presidents (COP) met for its winter meeting on Jan. 6-9. The COP meeting addressed many topics, including:

- The COP approved proposals to amend the synod's bylaws dealing with disciplinary procedures carried out by the districts. These proposed changes are intended to clarify the terms, timing, and process to be followed when discipline becomes necessary. The proposed amendments will be reviewed by the synod's Constitution Committee and will ultimately be presented to the 2021 synod convention.
- Asia Lutheran Seminary has enrolled several American students who will soon graduate. To prepare these students for serving in stateside ministry, the COP approved Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary's plan to provide these graduates with a year of stateside vicar experience and with two semesters of additional instruction at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis.
- The COP issued a divine call to Prof. John Hartwig to serve as a civilian chaplain in Europe and to Mr. James Sievert to serve as a part-time assistant consultant for the Commission on Lutheran Schools.
- The COP has asked for a review of the Ministry of Christian Giving's major gifts program to ensure that the Ministry of Christian Giving is best positioned and structured to carry out its work.
- The COP received with thanks the news that Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) for 2019 were \$330,000 higher than what congregations had committed. CMO subscriptions for 2020 are now being gathered, with the prayer that congregations will be able to increase their subscriptions to provide additional support for WELS missions and ministry. Looking ahead to 2021, the COP will prepare an encouragement video highlighting the blessings that Congregation Mission Offerings have made possible.
- The COP approved a proposal that congregations will be encouraged to designate one Sunday in 2021 as a "WELS Mission and Ministry Sunday" as a way of highlighting the work we do together. Informational and worship materials will be provided.
- Each of the 12 districts will be asked to consider the proposed change to the WELS Pension Plan at this summer's district conventions. Informational materials will be provided well in advance, and each district will be given a detailed overview of the proposed

changes. Districts will be asked whether or not they approve of the changes. Depending on the results of those votes, the Synodical Council will determine how and when to proceed with the process.

- The COP has overseen a restatement of the synod's doctrinal position on the roles of men and women, entitled "Male and Female in God's World." The restatement does not reflect a change in our teaching; rather, it was intended to clarify and update the current doctrinal statement. The restatement will be reviewed by pastor and teacher conferences. In addition, an accompanying Bible study is available for use in congregations. The districts will be asked to provide reaction and input before a final draft is presented to the synod convention in 2021.
- The COP has also developed a "Statement on Human Sexuality," which presents a biblical perspective on the transgender issue. To view the documents "Male and Female in God's World" and "Statement on Human Sexuality" go to [synodadmin.welsrc.net/download-synodadmin/en-cristo](http://synodadmin.welsrc.net/download-synodadmin/en-cristo).

Serving with you in Christ, WELS President Mark Schroeder

### Panama City Church Rededicated after Hurricane

What a difference a year makes. On Oct. 10, 2018, Hurricane Michael blew through Panama City, Fla., as a category five hurricane, severely damaging the church and parsonage of Amazing Grace as well as the homes of many of its members.

On Oct. 20, 2019, Amazing Grace moved back into its rebuilt worship facility. During that year, more than 200 WELS volunteers poured into Panama City to help Amazing Grace with the necessary cleanup and rebuilding. In addition, people from around the world joined together in praying for their Christian brothers and sisters and donating funds and materials to help

On Jan. 12, 2020, members of Amazing Grace rededicated their worship space and invited volunteers back to celebrate with them. About 25 volunteers who helped with the rebuilding process attended this grand reopening celebration.

"The grand reopening was more like a grand reunion," says Rev. David Kehl, current pastor at Amazing Grace.

As Mr. Torger Reppen, president of Amazing Grace, notes, "It's so nice to be back in our own building, our own home. Now we can focus on outreach. We've been focusing on rebuilding, and now we can focus on daily church stuff."

## Groups & Clubs

We have a lot of people who have a lot of diverse interests in the congregation. There are so many times we hear about something someone has done and we think, "I would like to do that too!"

A group is two or more people. We would like to connect our members with each other to do fun things. If you have a small group that you join to play cards, enjoy a movie, bowl, or watch ball games, and would welcome others to join you, please fill in the card and pin it to the board. We will compile a list and post it.

Examples:

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| 1. Michelle Walker | Walks@email.com |
| 2. Jim Walker      | (123) 456-7890  |

Description:

We like to visit some of the walking trails around the city on Saturdays. We don't go far or fast, but we enjoy the time outdoors.

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| 1. A.V. Ator | Baseballfan@email.com |
| 2. Ray Dar   | TD4LIFE@email.com     |

Description:

We enjoy going to a game or two during the season. We also like to watch some sports games on TV.