



# Immanuel's Newsletter

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## Are You Prepared?

The leaves are falling and the weather is getting cooler - reminding us that it's time to prepare for winter.

In November, the lessons of the church year will turn to the topics of death, judgment, and the hope of heaven – reminding us that we must prepare for Christ's coming.

But I want to ask you if you are prepared for something else: a special feast that you share with your closest family and friends. No, I am not talking about Thanksgiving, I am speaking about Holy Communion.

Because of how often we celebrate Holy Communion, it's easy for us to forget how special this meal is. Communion's bread and wine are **not** mere symbols. Because of Christ's command, they carry the very body Jesus used to redeem us and the very blood he shed on the cross for our forgiveness. When we partake of Holy Communion, we both receive Christ and are joined to him in such a special way that words fail to describe it.

"How can this be?" we might ask. The truth is: we don't know. It's a mystery. However, just because it's a mystery doesn't mean it's not real. We believe that the actual body and blood of Christ are present in the Lord's Supper because the Bible says they are. With His body and blood, Jesus comes to remind us of his sacrifice on the cross and forgive our sins. Jesus comes to unite himself to us and each other in a very special way – hence the name: Holy Communion.

The Lord's Supper is powerful medicine for our sin sick souls and, as such, should be treated reverently. Just as medicine has the power to heal when used correctly and to kill when abused, the same can be said of the Lord's Supper. St. Paul writes in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:23-29:

*<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. <sup>27</sup> Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. (NIV84)*

So let me ask you: are you prepared to welcome Jesus and be united with Him in a special way every time you partake of the Lord's Supper? I ask this, because I know how our sinful nature works. Many times we are tempted to view Communion merely as a symbolic act we perform instead of what it truly is.

“But how should we prepare?” you might ask. By repenting of our sins and acknowledging that we are receiving Jesus' true body and blood for our forgiveness. And it should go without saying that wherever Christ's true body and blood are, there Jesus himself is!

In the introduction or appendix of almost every Small Catechism, you can find a list of “Christian Questions,” which were written to help you prepare for Holy Communion.

But what if you lost your catechism or forgot that there was communion and come to Church unprepared? Not to worry – you can still find an abridged version of those questions on page 156 in the front of our Hymnal entitled “Personal Preparation for Holy Communion.”

Now, it certainly is true that going through the questions is not the only way you can prepare for Holy Communion. There are other ways we can meditate on our need for forgiveness and the blessings Holy Communion offers – even if it's just in our hearts. However, I will say this: examining yourself before Holy Communion is not optional. The Bible emphatically warns us to be prepared for the reception of Christ's body and blood so that we receive these things for a blessing, and not a curse.

If, in the past, you have neglected preparing for the Lord's Supper – having forgotten what the Holy Spirit had written about proper preparation, go to the cross and confess your sin with repentance – for God *is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness*. (1 John 1:9 NIV84) Having confessed your sins to God, you can know that you stand forgiven. And now, in the peace of forgiveness, start preparing for Holy Communion. Use the resources I mentioned in this article to help you get started, and you will start to view Holy Communion in a wonderfully new light – treasuring it for the great blessing it is.

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### Membership Changes

**Loss to Eternal Life:** James Sperber & Lorraine Smith

**Release:** Ann, Jeff, Steve and Calvin Hallgren; Kathleen Buss

**Christian Marriage:** Jamie Fiala & Brandon Kinjerski

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## President's Letter

Thanks to everyone supporting our monthly ALMS program. Each month we are collecting this money and sending it to a different WELS ministry or group associated with the WELS. I think this is a wonderful way of supporting various ministries instead of putting all our eggs in one basket as some people say. I hope this program continues and grows even more. Please remember the alms boxes. Thank you so much.

I'm disappointed in the poor response to the YCE board survey that was sent out to members with school age children and the talent survey sent out by the Board of Elders. These surveys were sent out in support of the goals that the congregation set for the year and to determine where our talents lie. We cannot be successful in outreach, evangelism, or any other ministry if we as a congregation don't support. We approved certain goals at the voters' meeting last January: to increase Christian School

Enrollment (this can include VBS and Sunday School) and to establish a Visitation Ministry. The next budget year is fast approaching. What is it that you think we should focus on? We have a voters' meeting coming up at the end of October and the annual meeting will be at the end of January. Please give your elected representatives your ideas and support. What do you think would be God-pleasing for us as a congregation to be doing with the talents and blessings he has given us?

Richard Stuebs has had to step down from Head Elder because of health issues. Scott Kieckbusch has temporarily stepped in to finish the year. Thanks Scott. And thanks to Dick for his great work over the last year. Well Done! I hope we will continue to develop and expand his idea for fellowship activities next year, and carry on with all the other good things he was doing.

Your brother in Christ,  
Glenn M. Brunner

## Elders

As the cold weather sets in and outdoor activities come to an end, I recommend that you consider our church library. There are many interesting books and pamphlets available to help you understand and grow in your faith. Right now I'm reading the People's Bible, which explains in detail what it is telling you. I've learned a lot so far and I'm only as far as Jeremiah. You'll also find other books on Christian living and other topics. I hope that you use this great resource to read more about God.

The Elders Board is continuing its visitation of delinquent members. So far we have talked to a handful of members, who give us all kinds of reasons for not coming to church. We will continue contacting and encouraging them to come to church to listen to God's Word. Once again we ask that the congregation help us in this ministry by talking to relatives, neighbors, and friends who you know are delinquent. We are still working on a letter to send to members who are not coming to church letting them know how much we care for them and encourage them to come to God's House.

We have approved (with the Church Council) to purchase a new desk for Pastors Office. It is a stand-up model. It will give him more table top space and not be as tasking on his back and legs.

Finally, I have decided to step down as chairman and member of the Elders Board due to health concerns. I will, however, continue to serve my church in other areas. I want to thank God and Immanuel for allowing me to serve you these past seven years. It has been a very blessed experience.

Dick Stuebs—Chair, Scott Kieckbusch, Bob Heiter

## Property

Preparation of our heating equipment at church is in progress with anticipation of the arrival of cold winter weather.

Project goals accomplished so far this year are the parking lot repairs, railing installation, Pastors office repairs and tree removal. In progress and not complete are the pipe organ tuning and roof repair.

Stained glass window repair will be scheduled for next calendar budget year. We have found a restoration company by the name of "Cathedral Crafts" out of Minnesota. We found this company by chance, as they were working on Saint Anne parish in Francis Creek. Stop and take a look at the work as this is the same route most of us use to travel to Interstate 43. You'll drive right by the church, so take a look at their detail of work. We are highly impressed with their knowledge and craftsmanship. The company is the right fit for the type of work needed for our windows. Stand by for price details and more information.

Your property board is preparing for the 2017 budget. Our first priority project will be the restoration of our stained glass windows. It's time to stop talking and get it done. They can be neglected no longer!

On behalf of your hard working property board, have a beautiful and colorful autumn season.

You're hard working Property Board

Steve Ihlenfeldt, Bucky Ihlenfeldt, Fred Steffen, Jason Karnopp, Jeff Christian, and Greg Hlinak

Submitted by Greg Hlinak

## Youth Christian Education

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2016 has come to a close and soon the Christmas trees will be going up in Church. We are in need of new decorations for the trees. The current decorations are over 40 years old and have become weathered and worn. If anyone has any ideas for new decorations, or would generously like to donate towards them, please contact any one of the YCE Board Members, Brian Dax, David Chaudoir, Chris Richard and Jason Belter.

Back in July, 11 youth and 2 youth leaders from our congregation traveled to the 2016 WELS International Youth Rally in Fort Collins Colorado. Everyone seemed to enjoy the trip and brought back with them a new-found sense of commitment to the Word and to the Church. One of the seminars at the Rally was a discussion on a program called "Transformed". We have ordered the materials and hope to have them the 1<sup>st</sup> week in November. It is a more modern training and teaching method for keeping our youth involved in the Church. Stay tuned for more details in the future.

If you haven't noticed, Austin Richard has accepted the position of 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School teacher. We thank him for his service and pray that it is as rewarding for him as it is for his students.

The VBS program was held August 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. The program was called "Circle J Ranch" and if you didn't get a chance to see Pastor play "a Texas rancher", you really missed a performance. The program was a huge success and we thank Jill Belter and Laura Sullivan for heading that program up, not to mention all the volunteers that helped make the program a success. A Big Thank You goes out to them all.

Sincerely,  
Brian D. Dax, Chairman

## **Adult Discipleship Devotion on Bible Study**

(Copied with permission from "Grace moments" devotions produced by Time of Grace, Pastor Mark Jeske)

**Oh, grow up!**  
Pastor Mark Jeske

Don't you hate it when your kids *settle*? Know what I mean . . . when they settle for Cs when they could get As . . . when they settle for second

team when they could start . . . when they stay a peon at work when they could be a manager?

How do you suppose God feels? He has provided a great wealth of spiritual information in the Bible to help us understand the great arc of human history and the bright thread of his plan of salvation weaving through it all. He has revealed deep secrets of what is going on behind the scenes, of spiritual warfare, of angels and demons. He has given peeks into life in heaven and the very throne room of God. He has laid out a life plan for every one of his believers. *And then they don't even read it!*

The Hebrew Christians got a spanking from one of the apostles for settling, for staying spiritual babies when God had prepared them for so much more: **"We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again"** (Hebrews 5:11,12)

Are you hungry for the Word? Do you pursue its knowledge? Are you just riding on the wagon pulled by someone else or are you eager to be useful to God's agenda? Would the angels call you a spiritual baby or spiritual grown-up?

**THANK YOU!!!!!!!** The Athletic Club would like to thank everyone who contributed to making this year's Time 'n Talent/Silent Auction fundraiser a success. We are excited to report that with the approximately \$7,200 raised, the balance of the Family Life Center loan will be paid off. When this loan was taken out, this was a 20

year payback plan -- it will be paid off in year 15!!! The Athletic Club will continue to support the FLC for maintenance and upkeep through smaller scale fundraisers. We greatly appreciate everyone's support over the years and ask for your continued support as we maintain this wonderful facility that God has blessed us with. To God Be The Glory!!

**Ladies' Aid** will meet Thursday, **November 10<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We invite all ladies of the congregation to come and join us. Hostesses are Shirley Kustka and Annette Teske.

**Thanksgiving Worship** We will give thanks to our Lord for the wonderful blessings he has bestowed upon us during a Thanksgiving Worship Service on **Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.** Worship is also available at St. Paul's, Algoma on Wednesday evening at 6:30pm.

**Ladies' Aid Christmas Party** will be held Saturday, **December 10<sup>th</sup>**, beginning with a social at 11:30am and a pot luck meal at noon. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

**Christmas at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary** Join the Seminary Chorus on **December 11<sup>th</sup>** at 3 and 7 p.m., for *Christmas at the Seminary*. The men's choir will share the story of Jesus' birth in songs, carols, and hymns. Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary is located in Mequon at 11831 N Seminary Dr. The concert is held in the campus auditorium, and seating is available on a first-come, first-seated basis. The 3:00 p.m. concert is streamed live at <http://livestream.com/WLSLive>.

**Bus Leaving Immanuel for MLHS Christmas Concert** Two young members of Immanuel, Dana Richard, daughter of Chris & Tammy Richard and Dylan Belter, son of Jason & Jill Belter, will be participating in the MLHS Christmas Concert on **December 22<sup>nd</sup>** at the Manitowoc Civic Center. The Fellowship Committee is planning a bus trip to the event. We will be inviting area churches (Algoma, Carlton, Two Creeks, Gibson and Mishicot) to join us. Departure time from Kewaunee will be 6:00pm sharp, with stops in Two Creeks at 6:15 and Mishicot at 6:45. Cost for the bus ride is \$5.00 per person. A minimum of 25 people are needed to cover the cost of the rental of the bus to make it worthwhile taking. Reservations are to be in by December 11<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign up sheet on the Narthex Bulletin Board or you can call Dan Fager (920-255-2613), Mari Fager (920-388-2841) or Dick Stuebs (920-388-4355) for reservations or more information. Hope you can join us!

**\*\*\*Please note the time changes for Christmas Eve Worship**

- ❖ Christmas Eve Children's Program (Saturday) – 4:00pm
- ❖ Christmas Eve Late Service (Saturday) - 6:30pm



**Christmas  
Worship  
Schedule**

- ❖ Christmas Day (Sunday) – 9:00am
- ❖ Monday Worship after Christmas – 6:30pm (it will be the same service as on Sunday)
- ❖ New Year's Eve (Saturday) - 6:30pm
- ❖ Sunday Worship (New Year's Day) – 9:00am
- ❖ Monday Worship – 6:30pm (it will be the same service as on Sunday)

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***Immanuel Women's Ministry***

Immanuel women have two wonderful opportunities coming up to gather together around God's word and enjoy each other's company.

The first is our biannual **Advent By Candlelight Service.**

Advent by Candlelight will take place this year on **December 4<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00pm. December is a crazy busy month with family gatherings, Christmas prep, work parties, Packer games, etc. Advent by Candlelight is a wonderful opportunity to sit back, relax and get refocused on what Advent means and how God got ready for the first Christmas. Watch for sign up sheets to prepare a table or help with the service.

The second opportunity is a **Brand New Bible Study Only For Women.** We will be meeting on the second Saturday of the month at 8:00am. This will be a chance to get fueled up on coffee (or tea or water) and on God's word before the craziness of the weekend pulls us in many different directions. Starting on **January 14<sup>th</sup>**, plan on setting aside that hour once a month for *Coffee with Christ.*

If you have any questions about either of these opportunities, please call Laura Sullivan at 388-6009.



Little Lambs playgroup continues to serve the community three times a month.

On the **first Tuesday** of the month we play in the playroom, on the **third Tuesday** we have a themed session.

For example this month our whole play session explored the book "We're going on a Bear Hunt": we had a dramatic play area with a house and a "bear cave" as well as a "river" and "mud". There was a sensory bin with mini bears, a craft, an activity that gets the whole body moving and of course we read the book itself. And our last playgroup session takes place in the Family Life Center on the **fourth Tuesday**. At each session, we have a story and songs to teach the little ones (and their parents) a little bit about God's love. I have had an opportunity to reach quite a few families in the community with God's love and although they haven't become members of Immanuel, I pray that the truths they hear at Little Lambs will work faith in their hearts. Please check out Little Lambs - Kewaunee Wisconsin on Facebook. Even if you don't have preschool age children, consider liking the

Little Lambs page and sharing the events on your own timeline. Perhaps there is someone in your life who needs Little Lambs. Finally, a big thank you to Kari Dorner for designing the Little Lambs logo.

**MLHS News & Notes**

**MLHS Fall Play “Pride & Prejudice”** Enjoy this great production as MLHS students adapt the classic English love story of “sometimes we don’t see what is right in front of us.” Performances 11/4-6 (Fri – Sat 7pm; Sun 2pm).

**L-C.R.E.W. – Sun. 11/13** Have you been looking for something new and exciting to do? Want to use your time and talents at MLHS but just needed to be invited? Want to help and have fun with your fellow Christians? If you answered yes to any of the questions, we have the answers! Join the L-C.R.E.W.! This is a new volunteer group for retirees & others! L-C.R.E.W. stands for Lancer Christians Ready Equipped and Willing. There are several areas in our school and school grounds that could use your assistance, attention or a tender touch. Please mark your calendars to attend the Kick Off meeting on Sunday, November 13th in the MLHS Commons at 4PM and learn more about the L-C.R.E.W. “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40. Visit: [www.mlhslancers.org/lcrew](http://www.mlhslancers.org/lcrew).

**MLHS Anniversary Recognition Service, Sun. 11/20** MLHS will observe the anniversaries of service in the public ministry by two of our faithful servants: Karen Wilsmann (40 years), and Renee Schmill (25 years) with a worship service at 4:00pm in the MLHS gym. All students, parents, alumni and friends of the school are invited to attend. Pastor Robert Kujawski of Bethany Lutheran Church will be the guest preacher. Come and join us as we thank God for the gift of his ministry and the gift of these two individuals who have faithfully served for so many years!”

**Community Thanksgiving Meal Thur. 11/24** How many times haven't you wanted to get involved helping others, but just didn't know what to do? On the Day of National Thanksgiving, November 24th, our MLHS Federation will again serve a Thanksgiving meal that is OPEN TO ALL at First German Lutheran Church. Come serve. Come eat. Come serve as a family unit or come serve on your own. We need you to help make this service possible. Whether you set up tables, drop off a dish you prepared at home, help serve the meal or lend a hand cleaning up, we want you to serve with us. “This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God” (2 Cor 9:12). For Christ and his Gospel, our hearts are overflowing with thankfulness. And we thank God also for you! Find out what times we can use your help and sign up today. Contact: Pastor Meissner [tmeissner@mlhslancers.org](mailto:tmeissner@mlhslancers.org).

**Jr. Lancer Boys Wrestling Club** The Jr. Lancer Boys Wrestling Club is for grades K-8, and there is no cost to be a Jr. Lancer wrestler. Participants pay only the registration fee to tournaments in which they participate. For more information or visit [www.mlhslancers.org/jrlancers](http://www.mlhslancers.org/jrlancers).

**Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed** MLHS’ new Hot Lunch Program is off to a great start, and to looking for volunteers to keep things rolling. If you might be interested in lending a hand, please go to [www.mlhslancers.org/hotlunch](http://www.mlhslancers.org/hotlunch) to sign up for times you could help.

**Lot for Sale** MLHS has available for sale a beautiful residential lot on the northeast side of Manitowoc. Ready-to-build with streets and sewers complete. A link with details is available on our homepage at [www.mlhslancers.org/donations](http://www.mlhslancers.org/donations).

## **Manitowoc Lutheran High School Delegate Report**

1) 2016-17 Enrollment: 206 total (193 domestic; 13 international)

2) Finance Summary

- As of 6/30/16, the Operating Line of Credit stood at just \$122,766 and the Building Loan was down to \$539,741 at 4.35%. These balances are both down from one year earlier (\$293,895 and \$606,034, respectively). MLHS has no other debt.
- MLHS has just completed its external audit. Hawkins Ash CPAs audited all the financial records of the school according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principals (GAAP). The final audit report will be received in early October, at which time any donors or members of the Federation are welcome to request a copy. The Business Office, Finance Committee, and Board of Control look forward to the resulting evaluation and recommendations.

### 3) MLHS Showcase

- Last year was the first year of the new “Showcase” format (two events) and it was a success! The two events combined raised over \$34,000 for the stage renovation project (replaced floor, new curtain, and lighting improvements) and was completed this summer.
- Mark your calendars:
  - Fall Showcase, a family-festival event connected with the Fall Concert, 10/23/16.
  - All congregations are encouraged to create those wonderful theme baskets or prepare pies & desserts that have been so popular through the years for this event. Please contact Susie Menk at [susiemenk@gmail.com](mailto:susiemenk@gmail.com) as soon as possible!
  - Spring Showcase, a cheese/dessert/wine tasting event at City Limits Banquet Hall, 3/25/17.

### 4) Properties

- In early January, the MLHS Teacherage sustained significant water damage due to a burst water pipe. A claim was submitted through insurance, and thanks to significant volunteer assistance all work has been completed under budget.

### 5) New Hot Lunch program

- After five years of participating in the Federal School Hot Lunch program, MLHS has left the program and has put together its own hot lunch service. The change will address many concerns expressed by families including more flexibility in ingredients and portion sizes. Feedback during the first week of school has been very positive from students, with a higher percentage taking lunch and expressing very positive comments on the food itself. A remaining need is for volunteers willing to assist a day or two per week in the preparation/serving of food.

### 6) Employment Positions (contact Scott Reinhard at 682-0215 x.106 or [screinhard@mlhslancers.org](mailto:screinhard@mlhslancers.org)).

- Hot Lunch Aid (12-15 hrs/wk, Mon-Fri)
- Weekend Custodial (6 hrs/wk, Sat or Sun)

### 7) MLHS School Cash Rebate Incentive Program (SCRIP)

- Income generated from the use of MLHS SCRIP provides money to support tuition assistance for families with children attending MLHS.
- 50% is normally designated to go to the MLHS tuition assistance account (necessary to maintain the program as a tax exempt program).
- 50% can be designated by name to a particular family/student. We have two students attending MLHS, Dana Richard and Dylan Belter. Designating them as you chosen recipients helps their families with tuition assistance.
- You can open your own account or purchase under the Immanuel, Kewaunee account. When using our congregation’s account please ensure you specify Kewaunee since there is more than one congregation named Immanuel.

Glenn M. Brunner, MLHS Lead Delegate

**WELS NEWS**

## **OWLS Meet in Omaha**

For the first time, the Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) had an annual convention in a state outside of Minnesota, Wisconsin, or Illinois. The group met in Omaha, Neb., Oct. 11–13, under the theme “Enlarging the harvest.” About 160 members from around the United States attended.

WELS Administrator for Home Missions Rev. Keith Free served as keynote speaker, reminding attendees that the Lord is enlarging the harvest in North America. Rev. Michael Ewart spoke of his experiences in enlarging the harvest in Russia and Eastern Europe as well as through a cross-cultural ministry to the Sudanese Christians living in Omaha. WELS National Civilian Chaplain to the Military Rev. Paul Ziemer, spoke about enlarging the harvest through military services.

The convention was hosted by the River City OWLS. This was the final convention directed by convention chairman Mr. Dale Markgraf. Next year’s convention will be at the Country Springs in Waukesha, Wis., and directed by the new convention chairman Mr. Werner Lemke.

For three years now, the OWLS have provided scholarships to Martin Luther College students. This year, Cassie Doering, Dan Spaude, Charlotte Huebner, Colin Bahmer, and Gina Radue received scholarships.

For several years, the OWLS has supported the WELS European Civilian chaplaincy program, which serves military personnel and WELS civilians in Europe. This year, the OWLS raised \$53,372, exceeding the initial goal of \$50,000. The convention offering and the silent auction proceeds, together totaling \$5,857, provide an encouraging first step toward the goal for next year.

Mr. John Paulsen, executive director of the OWLS, says, “I was heartened to see the enthusiasm of these many OWLS members who take the mission of the OWLS to serve the Lord seriously. They were very interested in what they could do in reaching the lost.”

## **WELS Visitor Center Now Open**

“We are thrilled to be establishing a visitor center and archives in the lower level of the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry,” says Mr. Lee Hitter, WELS communications director.

Hitter explains that this new center will “allow us to introduce visitors to our synod’s history and to educate our visitors on the important work that the Lord allows WELS to accomplish by his grace.”

The visitor center includes a visual timeline of WELS’ history as well as informational kiosks on areas of ministry. Materials from the archives will also be on display. Guests will be shown a video highlighting WELS’ ministry and receive a tour of the Center for Mission and Ministry.

Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president, notes, “We chose the name of this building with much thought. It is not the Center OF Mission and Ministry, which would give the impression that this is where the work of the synod is done. It is the Center FOR Mission and Ministry because what is done here supports the work that all of us do together as a synod—in congregations, in schools, and in mission fields. Visitors will be shown what we do together and reminded that each member of the synod is a part of that work.”

To schedule your visit to the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry, e-mail [cmmtours@wels.net](mailto:cmmtours@wels.net) or call 414-256-3888.

## **Christian Aid and Relief Responds To Floods And Hurricane**

In the last two months, flooding in Louisiana has left tens of thousands of people with damaged or no homes, and Hurricane Matthew left wreckage in its wake. Christian Aid and Relief has volunteers rebuilding flood-damaged homes in the Baton Rouge, La., area and is assessing needs on the East Coast following the hurricane.

WELS Christian Aid and Relief volunteers are making their dent in the Louisiana damage and letting their light shine as they make repairs, such as replacing drywall and repairing electrical work and plumbing. So far volunteers have made repairs to two homes and have five or six more to work on before they wrap up the work in November.

“These are friends of congregation members [from Cross of Glory, Baton Rouge, La.]. It’s a great outreach opportunity. These people are really, really thankful that we’re able to come down and help them, and some of them are completely unchurched and they’re saying they’ve been looking for a church,” says Mr. Mark Vance, Christian Aid and Relief director of operations.

The effort is still accepting volunteers who can come for about 10-day stretches between now and Nov. 20. Volunteers are coordinated through Kingdom Workers. Visit [kingdomworkers.com/opportunities](http://kingdomworkers.com/opportunities) to sign up. Projects related to Hurricane Matthew damage have not yet begun as assessment is still underway. WELS members in the hurricane’s path are thankful that damage to their homes and churches has been minor, says Vance.

In addition to U.S. congregations, Christian Aid and Relief has been in contact with a national pastor and two orphanage directors in Haiti, which was particularly hard hit by the hurricane. A grant has been made to assist with food needs.

To learn more about WELS Christian Aid and Relief or to help support its efforts, visit [wels.net/relief](http://wels.net/relief).



# WELS DAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> | 4:00PM

BMO HARRIS BRADLEY CENTER



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Join your WELS family for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at the inaugural WELS DAY WITH THE BUCKS! WELS family and friends are invited to arrive early and watch pregame warm-ups from some of the best seats in the house! Following the game, all kids will have the opportunity to shoot a free throw on the Bucks court!

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