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Prairie du Sac, WI

August 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, Derek and Rebecca Rosenstiel (pronounced Ro-zen-steel) will move into our parsonage and will share the next year of their lives with us. Derek will worship with us on August 13 and begin worship leadership on August 20, where he will also be installed as our newest intern. Here is some biographical information that Derek has shared with us.

“My name is Derek Rosenstiel and I was born in Monroe, WI on June 18, 1986 to Marvin and Sherry Rosenstiel. I grew up on a small dairy farm about twelve miles west of Monroe, WI where my immediate family and the family of one of my father’s siblings worked and found joy together at. I attended a Roman Catholic congregation with my grandmother and one of my aunts until I was in early elementary school when my grandmother became quite sick and could no longer drive on her own anymore. At this point my parents and I joined a small rural Lutheran church named Jordan Lutheran church outside of Browntown, WI. My passion for the Lutheran tradition of the Christian faith was ignited here and has been burning ever since.

I attended a small private Dominican college in Madison, WI named Edgewood College. Originally I declared a major in psychology alone but soon would begin to discern a call towards the ministry through the encouragement and guidance of some trusted mentors and friends. I became a campus minister in undergraduate school and was asked to serve in a leadership capacity for a few different catechesis programs in a couple of ecumenical partnering congregations in the area. I declared a double-major in religious studies (w/pre-seminary focus) and psychology.

Following graduation from undergraduate school, I had the great joy of marrying my now wife of nine years, Rebecca (Becky). I moved up to Ashland, WI with her for a few years in order for her to finish her undergraduate degree at Northland College. We then moved to Madison, WI after this and I became a program coordinator at a non-profit that provided assistance and advocacy for adults with developmental disabilities (Community Living Connections, Inc.). This job was rewarding but I still felt called to the ministry. The problem was that I did not feel worthy of the call. My wife had found a career in the library and information sciences and loved it so we felt like it was worth sticking in the area. I decided to try my hand in my lasting passion and unbreakable connection to agriculture and working with the land. This is how I chose to become a mill operator at a small livestock feed mill in Middleton, WI (Randan Agri-Service, Inc.). After all, I had worked my way through college at a different small feed mill and I loved that work there as well.

For the years I worked at the mill I greatly enjoyed my interactions with farmers, animals, and the land of my heritage. Yet, "a still small voice" continued to bother me and after much more encouragement from some of the same friends and mentors that I spoke of earlier I decided to answer my call to ministry. It was very difficult jumping into the unknown but I do not regret it in the least. I have found a deep passion for pastoral care and the ministry in general through my time at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA. I am excited to continue to discern my call and grow in my faith with so many beautiful people along this journey.

My wife and I own a home in Waunakee, WI where we live with our two cats (Benny & Nori) and hedgehog (Hamish). We are overjoyed to share that a new addition to our family is on the way, as we are expecting a child somewhere around September 6th. Everything with the pregnancy is progressing splendidly so far, and my wife has weathered this process with class and beauty as she does with every new journey in life! Becky works as a librarian at the University of Wisconsin, Madison at the Memorial Library on

campus; and currently she is taking courses to get her master's degree in Library and Information Sciences. I am very close to my family and spend a lot of time with them back on the farm and in the area I grew up in. I love running, reading, gardening, and Becky and I love camping and hiking together. We are excited to see where this internship takes us and can't wait to continue to form new relationships with those who we will meet through this!"

Please join me in welcoming Derek and Becky to our congregation and pray for all interns and congregations as they enter this year of internship.

Shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke.

### **Installation of Derek Rosenstiel**

On Aug 20 we will install Derek as our intern. Come and join us as we welcome Derek and Becky into our midst and celebrate this new journey we have begun.

### **House of Jesus Orphanage**

Last year St. John's took on the challenge of building wells throughout the world. Your generosity made it possible to raise \$12,500 to build FIVE wells. This year we want to again reach out internationally and help our sisters and brothers in need. We have chosen the House of Jesus' Children Orphanage in Haiti. The orphanage is in the process of building a new dormitory because there were so many children left homeless by the most recent hurricane that hit Haiti.

One way we can help them is by sponsoring a child. The cost to sponsor a child is \$40 per month. This money is put into a general fund to provide education, food, housing and medical care for all of the children. Sponsors who choose not to have a personal relationship with a specific child can contribute to the general fund. Individuals who want a personal relationship with a child will receive an updated photo and information about the child they are sponsoring at least once a year.

Mary Parry, board member for Health Ministries for Haiti and sponsorship coordinator for the House of Jesus' Children Orphanage and Jennifer Weitzel, President of HMMH, offered the following overview of the orphanage in 2015:

*Having themselves grown up in an orphanage, Lesly Tilus and Daniel Massillon founded "The Home of the Children of Jesus Orphanage" in 2005 as a means of assuring that children in Haiti are afforded the best chance to live a healthy and productive life. Health Ministries for Haiti, Inc. (HMMH) initiated a sponsorship program for the children in 2008 following the tragic and untimely death of Daniel from typhoid fever.*

*Since the devastating earthquake in 2010 and subsequent economic turmoil, the number of children residing at the orphanage has grown exponentially. Most of the children have a least one living parent, but circumstances are such that families simply cannot provide for them. Today, there are over 100 children being loved and cared for every single day at the orphanage. The children live in different dormitories, divided by age and gender, with a staff member as a houseparent. They get nutritious meals to eat with fresh fruit and vegetables harvested from their own garden, receive medical attention from an on-site nurse and learn from on-site teachers. Included in the standard curriculum are efforts to teach the children marketable skills. Last year we saw that the children were learning to draw and paint and make jewelry. This year we saw them learning to make shoes.*

*While the orphanage enjoys support from several nonprofit organizations, the inflation rate in Haiti hovers around 5% (compared to less than 1% in the United States) making meeting very basic needs a constant challenge. Monthly operating expenses at the orphanage average \$9,000 US, with staff payroll and food comprising the largest share.*

*Any money that is raised, whether a one-time donation or ongoing sponsorships, helps to support the day-to-day needs of the children and allow for improvements to the orphanage facilities. On behalf of HMMH and our brothers and sisters in Haiti we want to thank you for investing directly in Haiti's most precious resource – its children.*

*Learn more at [hmhaiti.org](http://hmhaiti.org) or [www.facebook.com/HMMHaiti](https://www.facebook.com/HMMHaiti).*

Mary Parry will attend worship services at St. John's on August 27. She will bring more information and answer questions about sponsoring a child. Please plan on attending worship that Sunday to support this important ministry.

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*Mission Statement: Christ, our strength and refuge, calling us to serve*

Food Pantry Sunday is August 13th. Food, paper products and cleaning supplies may be brought to the table in the gathering area. These items are distributed to many families in the Sauk Prairie community. The food pantry especially needs:

Pancake Mix	Syrup
Canned Fruit	Powdered Lemonade Mix
Instant Potatoes	Gravy Mix

Keep this list handy as you do your grocery shopping during the next few weeks.

*Many parishioners find it easier to bring the items to the gathering area of the church at other times during the month. We appreciate the donations at any time.*

## **Birthday Greetings**

We hope you take a moment to send greetings to the following people who have birthdays in August. The date is in parentheses.

Delores Staff (7)  
Maplewood of Sauk Prairie  
245 Sycamore Street  
Sauk City, WI 53583

Rae King (9)  
The Ridges  
215 Dale Drive  
Lodi, WI 53555

Myrtle Wyttenbach (18)  
c/o Karen Rasmussen  
1148 Rockdale Street  
Green Bay, WI 54304

## **Thanks**

Dear St. John's Members,

Thank you so much for all the birthday cards and well wishes. I am very grateful for such a kind and caring congregation.

Mac McCluskey

## Women of the Church News

ALL CIRCLES: Circles will meet for different activities this month. Regular Bible Study begins again in September.



Our picnic at the Blue Spoon on July 19<sup>th</sup> was everything we had hoped for and MORE! We very much appreciate that there were **46 LADIES THERE!** We think that's the biggest crowd we've ever had at a picnic! We also feel that the Lohr family is the best entertainment we've ever had. We've always known that Doris has a beautiful voice, but NOW we know that her daughter Deb Lohr-Foster and granddaughter Hunter Lohr have definitely inherited that talent. Put them all together and they were amazing! Their selections were great and they even gave us a chance to sing along on the patriotic songs, which made it so much fun. We thank Connie Burton for being there and bringing her own instruments to accompany them. We all agree we are so blessed to have Connie... who always goes above and beyond. Halcyon was just as amazing with her Bible Study, which was based on the parable about the seeds that fell on the good soil and how that can be applied to our own lives. We know this is her last week....and a BUSY one....and we thank her so much for being there for us. We miss her already! Many thanks to all who made this event very SPECIAL!

Circles will not have regular meetings in August. Instead, each Circle will enjoy going out to eat or doing something of their own choosing.

It is again time for us to think about putting together the various kits for Lutheran World Relief. These include quilts, personal care kits, sewing kits, baby care kits and school kits. The deadline for getting them all assembled and ready for shipping is September 30<sup>th</sup>. For the past few years, we have asked the congregation for help in purchasing supplies for these kits....especially the school kits, which include (4) 70-sheet notebooks, (1) blunt scissors, (1) ruler, (1) pencil sharpener, (5) pencils, (5) ballpoint pens, (1) eraser, and (1) box of crayons (16 or 24 count). Look for all the great back-to-school sale ads that will soon be in the newspapers. A table is available in the front gathering area at church for collecting the school kit items. Martha Circle is in charge of this project. Last year we assembled 204 kits.

On other pages in this newsletter there is a complete list of all Lutheran World Relief kits and the supplies to make each one. You are welcome to help us with any of the kits.

Our Quilters are always in need of material. If you have sheets or drapes or other large pieces of fabric, you may bring them to the church at any time. Wednesday mornings the quilters are at the church working diligently on making quilts.

In September, we will resume our regular Circle meetings. Our studies will be on the Apostles Creed in September, October and November. In December, we study an Advent Devotional.

Ruth Circle has been visiting Special Friends in June and July. Sarah Circle will visit during August and September. Martha Circle will visit in October and November.

Read this month's Prayer for Peace in this [Visitor](#) on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Baraboo Fall Conference Meeting is Saturday, September 16 at St. John's Lutheran in Leland. Pastor Don Glazer will be the speaker. Before becoming a pastor, Pastor Glazer was a detective in the FBI. We will have more information in the September [Visitor](#).

South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Biennial Convention is September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-Verona Campus West. Deadline for registration is September 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Bible Study Leaders' meeting for September will be on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the church library.

### **Hannah Circle**

The Hannah Circle will not meet during the summer months. Please join us again on October 3 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Older Wiser Livelier Seniors (OWLS)**

We will not meet in August, but will gather again on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Please let Pastor Sally know if you have any ideas or requests for future OWLS events or topics!

## **Women's Book Club**

We will discuss "Daring Greatly" by Brené Brown. We will meet at 10am in the church library and 6:30pm at the Blue Spoon on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **Milestone Ministry Events**

This month we will celebrate and pray for those who have recently retired (or will be) as well as those experiencing job transitions on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at both services. We hope you can join us!

## **Fall Adult Education Schedule**

Our regular Sunday adult education schedule will start up again on Sunday, September 24 at 9:15 in room 1. Stay tuned for the fall schedule of topics.

On Wednesday evenings (beginning October 4) at 6pm we will gather to study the Gospel lesson that will be read the following Sunday. All are welcome to come at 5:20 and enjoy a meal. Cost is only \$1 with a maximum of \$5 per family.

## **Back to School Blessing**

With another school year just around the corner, we want to celebrate and bless the beginning of the school year with a special back to school blessing! On Sunday, September 10 we will give a blessing to our students of all ages at both the 8:00am and 9:30am worship services. We also want to encourage teachers, principals, administrators, school office personnel, cooks, librarians, custodians, bus drivers...anyone that plays a role in our school systems...to come on September 10 to be blessed, affirmed in your vocation, and encouraged as you serve children and families in your daily work. Join us for this Milestone Ministry event!

# SPECIAL PRAYER

We invite you to pray for peace on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month. On August 20<sup>th</sup>, please repeat the following prayer:

O God, you are the source of life and peace.  
Praised be your name forever.

We know it is you who turns our minds to thoughts of peace.  
Hear our prayer in this time of crisis.  
Your power changes hearts.

Muslims, Christians and Jews remember, and profoundly affirm,  
that they are followers of the one God,  
Children of Abraham, brothers and sisters;  
enemies begin to speak to one another;  
those who were estranged join hands in friendship;  
nations seek the way of peace together.

Strengthen our resolve to give witness to these  
truths by the way we live.

Give to us:

Understanding that puts an end to strife;  
Mercy that quenches hatred, and  
Forgiveness that overcomes vengeance.  
Empower all people to live in your law of love  
Amen.

## Wedding Congratulations

We rejoice with Lee Nolden and Abbey Philo on their wedding which took place at St. John's on June 30, 2017. Please keep them and all newlyweds in your prayers as they take this new journey together.

## Congregational totals

	Attendance	Offering
June 25	270	\$ 8,005.30
July 2	268	\$11,572.81
July 9	264	\$ 7,023.25
July 16	190	\$10,311.46
July 23	195	\$ 6,970.80

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I write this Vacation Bible School (VBS) is almost in full swing. This year we have a dedicated crew of St. John's volunteers under the coordination of Abby Bennett and Stacy Williamson creating and teaching VBS. Our many thanks go out to them along with Becky Francour, Maren Anderson Boerger, Linda Hines, Paige Ederer, Laura Collins, and Marv Hupp. There are also several volunteers who will be helping with snacks, registration, and other details of the week. As I write I do not have their names in front of me, but my gratitude for them is deep and they will be named in print soon!

The theme for VBS this year is creation. The children will be learning about the days of creation and God's beautiful love for us. As I was preparing a mini bible lesson for them the other day I kept coming back to one word: mysterious.

God is mysterious in many ways. While we have the Word of God, we don't always understand what God is up to, but we know God is up to something.

As another year of learning begins next month, I invite you to be open to the mysterious nature of our Creator. Enjoy the smell of the flowers, look at the texture of the trees, feel the grass between your toes.

Allow yourselves to question, to wonder, and to explore. Be open to the possibilities of God working within you. Where is God leading you? What is God telling you? How are you being challenged and affirmed?

I don't know where all these questions will lead you, but I do know that God will be alongside of you the whole way.

Peace to you on the journey,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sally".

Dear St. John's,

Thank you. The past nine months of my life with you have been absolutely filled to the brim with learning, growing, and fun. Internship is a vital part of my education to serve as a Pastor to a congregation in the future. It is because of YOUR willingness to be an internship congregation that I am more prepared to be a Pastor than I was nine months ago. Even more than your willingness to be an internship site you have made a commitment to going above and beyond to make this not just a good place for an intern but an extraordinary one. St. John's will forever be the place where I learned what it means to be a Pastor. It is where I learned more about pastoral care, where I further developed my teaching skills and got to create classes, this is the place where I truly learned how to preach. All of that learning happened because you opened your hearts and homes to me and welcomed me into this incredibly Holy place. You have been a blessing to me. What I learned this year will have an impact on any congregation I go to next, which means your ministry through internship will impact every congregation that I serve during my career. Take a moment to think about that, every single congregation, every single member of any church I go to will be impacted by the things you have taught me this year. As a congregation you have shown Christ to me every step of this internship. From your grace-filled response to my learning, to your joy of teaching, and your hospitality, you have shown me what Christian community looks like at its best. I cannot say thank you enough for making this my home the past nine months. It has been such a positive year of learning and I have enjoyed it immensely. As you transition to welcoming Intern Derek I am rejoicing for you. Rejoicing that as a congregation you get to learn with another intern and that you will get to be a blessing to each other. I also rejoice for Intern Derek that he gets to experience and learn in this place. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your intern. I will carry you with me wherever I go and hold St. John's in my prayers always.

Peace to you all,  
Intern Halcyon

St. John's reports many of the names of our hospitalized and recently discharged members in the monthly newsletter. We include only those who have given us permission to print their names. You may send cards or telephone them and pray for their improved health.

**Hospitalized/Recently Discharged**

Gloria Moles  
Nathan Sawyer

**With Sincere Sympathy**

We offer our condolences to the following families this month:

James and Ashley Schulenburg and Daniel and Willow Schulenburg and families on the death of James and Daniel's grandmother, Sally Henn.

Rhonda and Ray Bolton and family on the death of Rhonda's father, Walter Sprecher.

Tary and Jessica Handschke and family on the death of Jessica's grandfather, John (Jack) Curtis.

Fred and Brenda Schweitzer and sons on the death of Fred's mother, Delores J. Schweitzer.

We recently received monetary gifts in memory of Ardell Jackson and Terry Sue Mock. We are grateful when our congregation is remembered in this manner. These gifts will be used to benefit our church.

# Happy August Birthday!

## Our Youngest

Ellen Krueger (1)	Marli Fisher (7)
Natalie Schulenburg (17)	Isaac Sailor (22)
Grace Hansen (24)	Olivia Steinmetz (24)
Andrew Kraus (25)	

## Our Sunday School Students:

Ella Stephan (1)	Samuel Patterson (2)
Griffin Fritsch (3)	Chesney Braund (4)
Sonoma Bever (6)	Cashton Suchla (9)
Addison Douglas (10)	Olivia Elsing (11)
Melanie Brooks (12)	Emellia Osgood (12)
Quinn Goetsch (13)	Brayton Bahe (14)
Josefina Frey (18)	Chase Urban (22)
Logan Thiede (23)	Dylan Walker (24)
Violet Richard (25)	Janie Kinney (26)
Oliver Harms (28)	Olivia Thorne (30)
Natalie Nurkala (31)	

## Our Youth:

Morgan Evert (11)	Nicholas Fiske (11)
Anna Ballweg (15)	Layne Hall (21)
Ally Dunnum (24)	Kelsey Kruel (25)
Ella Yanke (27)	Leanna Niesen (31)

## College and Career-age Young People:

Grant Kirner (11)	Ryan Caflisch (19)
Jacob Jones (25)	Jason Nelson (28)

## Serving in August

### Ushers:

August 6

### 8:00 a.m.

Linda Meyer

Rob Risley

Megan Small

August 13

Megan Small

August 20

Molly Ballweg

Lon Kaderavek

August 27

Annika Braund

### 9:30 a.m.

Malea Niesen

Charlie Homp

### Acolytes:

August 6

### 8:00 a.m.

Drew Marshall

Chesney Schonenberger

August 13

Maggie Hartman

August 20

Michael Endres

Brody Ballweg

August 27

Zach Guentherman

Jonah Richard

### 9:30 a.m.

Charlie Homp

Zach Guentherman

Gavin Tompkin

Jenna Pistono

Annika Braund

### Readers:

August 6

August 13

August 20

August 27

### 8:00 a.m.

Karlie Harpold

Marilyn Herschleb

Bob Wilson

Mary Halweg

### 9:30 a.m.

Jay Dregney

Arthur Ness

Dale Clason

Dale Clason

### Cantors:

August 6

August 13

August 20

August 27

### 8:00 a.m.

Marv/Janelle Hupp

Janis Baun

Jordan Small

Kathy/Jeff Ochsankohl

### 9:30 a.m.

Megan Small

Deb Lohr-Foster

Melani Wheeler

Dennis Fisher

### Communion Assistants: 8:00 a.m.

August 6

August 13

August 20

August 27

Drew Marshall

Roxanne Small

Marilyn Herschleb

Janis Baun

### 9:30 a.m.

Kyle Dregney

Gerry Westphal

Dale Clason

Dale Clason

### Assisting Ministers: 8:00 a.m.

August 6

August 13

August 20

August 27

Jordan Small

Kathi Risley

Bev Clason

Donna Knickmeyer

### 9:30 a.m.

Jordan Small

Kathi Risley

Bev Clason

Donna Knickmeyer

<b><u>Communion Set Up/Clean Up 8:00 a.m.</u></b>		<b><u>9:30 a.m.</u></b>
August 6	Linda Meyer Judy Tobias	Gwen Ringelstetter
August 13	Wyatt Urban	Anna Francour
August 20	Shirley Orr	Barb Salvesson
August 27	Donna Knickmeyer	Deb/Gerry Westphal

<b><u>Nursery Staff:</u></b>		<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>9:30 a.m.</u></b>
August 6			Quinn Baier Meadow Liedtke
August 13	Zach Guentherman Jordan Chao		Jordan Chao Charlie Homp
August 20	Jenna Pistono Chesney Schonenberger		Jacob Schweitzer Malea Niesen
August 27	Karlie Harpold Audrie Nurkala		Zach Guentherman Alia Schlimgen

<b><u>Coffee Set-Up/Clean-Up:</u></b>		<b><u>7:30 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>9:00 a.m.(Serve)</u></b>
August 6		Chesney Schonenberger	
August 13		Jenna Pistono	
August 20		Carly Coy	
August 27		Maggie Hartman	

<b><u>Sunday Stewards:</u></b>		<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>9:30 a.m.</u></b>
August 6		Nancy Kaufman	Nancy Kaufman
August 13		Gwen Ringelstetter	Ruth Lohr
August 20		Gwen Ringelstetter	Ken Carlson
August 27		Kathy Lovell	Kathy Lovell

<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>		<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>9:30 a.m.</u></b>
August 6 (Sanctuary)	Don/Vi Bohler (Front doors) Shirley Anding (Side doors) Roger/Bev Clason		Dan/Janis Baun Caroline Morrow
August 13 (Sanctuary)	Darin/Kristin Pape (Front doors) Gina Wyttenbach (Side doors) Jeannine Robertson		Curt/Peggy Johnson Deb/Gerry Westphal Jeff Sandberg family
August 20 (Sanctuary)	Ava Roach (Front doors) Jordan Chao (Side doors)		Jacob Schweitzer Quinn Baier
August 27 (Sanctuary)	Eunice Yanke (Front doors) Gina Wyttenbach (Side doors) Gil/Kathy Danz		Denny/Bonnie Dederich Jackie Frosch Lee Ann Goelz

*\*\*\*Feel free to add your name to the kiosk in any of the open positions. We are grateful for your help.*

### **Sunday School Teacher Orientation** August 27th 10:30am-12:00

All Sunday School teachers are asked to be at this year's Sunday school teacher orientation after the second service on August 27th. We will be going over curriculum and the calendar, and answering any questions you may have about the upcoming year.

### **Sunday School Rally Day**

Sunday School students age 3 – 6th grade and families, plan on joining us September 10th from 9:15-10:15 for Rally Day in the Fellowship Hall. This is your chance to sign-up for Sunday School, meet your teachers, take a tour of our Sunday School Hallway and have some fun! If you are unable to attend and would like to sign your child up for Sunday School please contact Abby Bennett at 643-2439 or [abby@stjohnssaukprairie.org](mailto:abby@stjohnssaukprairie.org)

The first regular Sunday school class will be Sunday September 17th from 9:15-10:15.

### **3 Year Old & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation**

On September 24 at the 8am & 10:30 services we will present Bibles to our 3 year olds and third grade youth. In our Baptismal liturgy we promise to place the Holy Scriptures in the hands of our candidates. A letter will be sent home with more details in August. If you do not receive a letter, please contact Abby Bennett to be sure your child's name is put on the list.

### **Parish Education Staff Installation**

We will install our 2015-2016 educational staff on September 17 at both our 8:00 and 10:30 services. Included in this group our Sunday school teachers and aides, librarians, adult education teachers, confirmation teachers and aides, director of music and education board members. Please join us as we rejoice in God's gifts made manifest in these individuals.

## **Youth Gathering Meeting**

The ELCA Youth Gathering is quickly approaching! Any Youth entering grades 8-12 in the fall are invited to join us for an informational meeting on August 16th at 7pm. Please bring a parent! We will discuss costs, time commitments, transportation, and any other questions parents might have. The Youth Gathering is June 27 – July 1, 2018, and is in Houston, TX. If you are interested in attending the gathering but cannot make the meeting, please email Abby ([abby@stjohnssaukprairie.org](mailto:abby@stjohnssaukprairie.org)). We will take a bus leaving on June 25 and will return, Monday, July 2.

## **Confirmation First Meeting**

September 13th 6:00-7:00 (dinner at 5:20)

All confirmation students and their parents should be at our first scheduled confirmation class time of the year. We will offer our typical confirmation dinner at 5:20 and begin with the orientation meeting at 6:00. Please contact Abby Bennett if you are unable to attend.

## **A Simple Request with Great Results.**

In 1997, Baraboo's Dr. Maureen Murphy joined a mission trip to Haiti. The visit led to the formation of Haiti Medical Mission of Wisconsin (HMMW) and a partnership with Thiotte. In 1999, Dr. Murphy invited St. John's Lutheran parishioner/surgeon Dr. John (Tony) DeGiovanni. Then parishioner Kathy Roberg, RN joined the volunteer teams. Both remain active HMMW Board members.

The result, together with steadfast support, has been direct health care for 50,000 people in remote southeast Haiti from Haitian staff and HMMW volunteers.

Collectively, we established the Centre de Santé Sacré-Cœur de Thiotte (CSST) clinic-hospital as a year-round regional medical hub. Area Haitians have daily access to preventative, primary, maternal, pediatric care, and health education provided by Haitian doctors, nurses and health care staff.

500 HMMW volunteers continue medical mission visits to supplement Haitian-based care with vital specialties, including general and eye surgery, vision screening-eyeware, dental care, and health education/training.

More at [www.HaitiMedicalMission.com](http://www.HaitiMedicalMission.com)

♥THANK you!

Thank you, thank you, to our dear church family, Pastor Fred, Pastor Sally and Intern Halcyon for all the prayers, visits and cards. Thanks also for all the deep heart-felt concern for my healing and quick recovery.

Thank you too for keeping Alvin in your prayers. I'm still at Maplewood in the rehab therapy department, working hard to strengthen my broken hip. God is great!

With love, hope and faith – Gloria Moles

Thanks

Thank you for your generous gift of \$5,313.87 to support the mission and ministry of the ELCA through water wells. We are grateful to be in partnership for the sake of the Gospel.

Blessings to all – Christina Jackson-Skelton

Executive Director, Mission Advancement

*Final payment from the \$12,500 raised from our water wells collection.*

## **Lutheran World Relief Parish Projects**

Groups in our congregation have a number of ongoing projects for Lutheran World Relief. You may be interested in contributing to one of them. Items may be left in one of the bins in the Fellowship Hall or the church office. Our kits will be shipped on October 7 this year, so please bring your items before September 28<sup>th</sup>. LWR asks that we do not use items with a U.S. flag, military symbols, camouflage or religious symbols on them.

## **School Kit Supplies**

We are asking for your help in gathering supplies for our School Kits again this year. The kits are sent to Lutheran World Relief each fall.

Each kit needs:

**Four** 70-sheet notebooks

**One** 30 cm. ruler (or one with inches and cms.)

**One** pencil sharpener

**One** blunt scissors

**Five** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers

**Five** black or blue ballpoint pens

**One** box of 16 or 24 crayons

**One** 2 ½ inch eraser

## **Personal care kit supplies**

One bath-size towel (not longer than 48" please)

Two bath-size bars of wrapped soap

One adult-size toothbrush in its original wrapping  
or sealed in a business size envelope

One sturdy comb

One metal nail clipper

### **Baby care kit supplies**

- Two cotton/cotton-blend t-shirts
- Two gowns or sleepers w/o feet
- Two receiving blankets
- Four cloth diapers
- One hand towel, dark color
- One sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket with a hood, or include a baby cap
- Two pairs of baby socks
- Two bath-size bars of gentle soap in its original wrapping
- Two diaper pins or large safety pins

*Sizes up to 24 months may be used. Consider varying the sizes of the clothing items so the layette will continue to be useful as the baby grows.*

*Gently used, clean items may be substituted for new ones.*

### **Fabric kit supplies**

- Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric, cut into pieces measuring:
  - 2 ¼ yards of 60" wide, **OR**
  - 3 yards of 44" wide, **OR**
  - 4 yards of 36" wide fabric
- Two spools of matching **OR** neutral-colored general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each

Ordinary items become extraordinary gifts when you send LWR Quilts and Kits around the world!