



St. John's Lutheran Church
New Ulm, MN
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Let's Go!!!!

A Fortress article based on Psalm 122:1

"Let's go!!!!" the kids yell these days when anything exciting happens. "No school tomorrow?! Let's go!!!!" "Free fries with any purchase?! Let's go!!!" Of course, they don't mean it literally. They don't plan on "going" anywhere. They plan on staying put and playing video games or watching Netflix while they eat their free fries.

But when King David heard it yelled to him, he knew they really meant it: "Let's go!!!!" And he felt just as excited: ***"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"*** (Psalm 122:1)

"It's time for church?! Let's go!!!" How many times have you heard that shouted by the kids in your house? (I'm guessing "not too many.") How many times have *you* shouted that yourself, "Worship time! Let's go!!!" and started jumping up and down. (I'm again guessing "not too many.") But David really did feel that excitement at the opportunity to worship. ***"Let us go to the house of the Lord!!!"*** "Let's go!!!!"

There are a lot of activities coming up this summer; activities that might make you cry, "Let's go!!!!"

- "It's the fishing season opener! Let's go!!!!"
- "There's a parade downtown this weekend! Let's go!!!!"
- "The cabin is open for the season! Let's go!!!!"
- "There's a ball game at Johnson Park! Let's go!!!!"
- "The campsite is reserved! Let's go!!!!"
- "It's time for the family reunion! Let's go!!!!"

You get the idea. And there's nothing wrong with any of these events. I love them too. But do some of these other events sometimes take priority over our worship of God? Do we sometimes get more excited about time away from work or a fun summer event than we do about the opportunities we have to worship God and praise him for all that he's done for us?

And for sometimes putting God low on our list of summer priorities, we deserve to have God say, "Let's go... Let's get out of here," and abandoning us to ourselves... and to hell. But he doesn't do that. Instead, Jesus said, "Let's go. Let's do this. I will go to the cross..." And he willingly gave up everything to rescue us.

And while we sometimes want to take a vacation from God, God won't ever take a vacation from giving his grace. He will always love us, always forgive us, and always be with us.

So don't take a vacation from God! While you rest and travel and play, this summer, be sure to stay connected to God's Word. Even if you can't come to the house of the Lord in person, there are many ways you can still say, ***"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"***

Here are a few suggestions as to how you can do just that...

- Come to worship whenever you are in town.
- Watch services or listen to sermons online! (cf. www.stjohnsnewulm.com/worship)
- Take your copy of Meditations, Forward in Christ, and your Bible along! Read a page each day.
- Buy a good book from Northwestern Publishing House (www.NPH.net) and read it!
- Buy an audio Bible (cf. www.ChristianBook.com) or download the YouVersion Bible App (www.youversion.com/the-bible-app/) and listen while you drive! Watch where you're driving while you listen to where you're going! (Heaven, that is!) :)

And as you're reminded of God's grace to you, here are some ways that you can respond, even as you vacation...

- Take the opportunity to have a heart to heart talk with God in prayer undistracted by the busyness of life or pressing urgent matters.
- Forward an emailed sermon or devotion to a friend.
- Make it a goal to share your faith with someone you meet on your vacation.
- Mail your regular offerings of thanks to church (@ 627 S. Jefferson St., New Ulm, MN 56073) when you can't be here in person.
- Give your regular offerings of thanks to your own "offering plate" (or jar or dish or bucket or box) when you're on the road. Save it until the next time you come back to church.

Remember: God doesn't take a vacation from pouring out his rich grace on you. Don't take a vacation from him. Stay connected to the Word. Respond in thanks.

"Let's go!!!!" the kids yell these days when anything exciting happens. "Let's go!!!!" we yell when we hear of the exciting news of God's forgiveness to us in Christ! "Let's go!!!!" we yell at the exciting opportunities we have to grow in God's grace and to live for him in thanks. ***"I rejoiced with those who said to me, '[Let's go!!!!] to the house of the Lord.'"*** :) May God richly bless your summer!

Your servant in Christ,



Pastor Guenther

June Sermon Texts

June 2	Mark 2:23-3:6	Be in Awe of the Triune God
June 9	Mark 3:20-25	Don't Be Crazy!
June 16	Mark 4:26-34	Lesson of the Kingdom from the Garden of God
June 23	Acts 27:13-26	Keep Up Your Courage; Not One of You Will Be Lost
June 30	Lamentations 3:22-33	So Great Is His Unfailing Love

Bible Class meets in the Church Basement
 The class can also be found online at bit.ly/SJBibleClass

Sundays at 11 am	Stories Not Told in Sunday School	Pastor Rob Guenther
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Council Digest

Joint Council Meeting

The St. John's Church Council met on May 16. The council hosted the members of the St. Paul's Church Council for a joint council meeting, held semi-annually between the two congregations. The historical purposes of these meetings include mutual communication, encouragement, and cooperation. Pastor Bovee of St. John's led the opening devotion. Attendees heard reports from Pastor Nate Scharf of St. Paul's and Pastor Rob Guenther of St. John's. A summary of topics addressed follows:

The two congregations' partnership in St. Paul's Lutheran School (SPLS) was a major topic discussed. The school year ended with some initial data from the Accreditation Self-Study. The self-survey results show that the personnel, faculty and staff are the school's strength (99% agree

or strongly agree). The faculty and staff are friendly, show their love for the students, and are good Christian role models. One area of weakness, although still 74.6% positive, is the financial planning for the school's needs. The principal and school board will look at improving the school's financial picture and more transparency for the parents. Principal Markgraf thanks everyone who participated in this Accreditation Survey!

SPLS Enrollment 2024-25
PreK Projection Total: 45
K-8 Projection Total: 310

In addition to the partnership we share in the operation of St. Paul's Lutheran School, the two congregations cooperate in a variety of activities. Those activities are organized under the name John and Paul Ministries (see the website for updates at johnandpaulministries.com). The group's goal is to host a variety of events with a primary focus on outreach. The next event is the Soccer Camp from June 3-6.

The next joint meeting will be hosted by St. Paul's and was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

Council Action

After the St. Paul's council was dismissed for the evening, the St. John's council continued with its regular meeting. A summary of reports and actions not reported elsewhere in the Fortress follows:

Membership changes approved

Transfer In

Sam Holzbauer from Christ, Eagle River, WI

MacKenzie Holzbauer from Faith, Fond du Lac, WI

Transfers Out

Kristin Erie to St. Paul's, N. Mankato, MN

Lance and Annette Hartzell to Grace, Glendale, AZ

Brian and Grace Hennig; Christian, Natalie to Peace, Hartford, WI

Ruth Lindemann to St. Peter, St. Peter, MN

Releases (To be presented at the July voters' meeting)

Alissa Block

Danny and Monica Gieseke

Tom and Lisa Palmer; Amanda, Josh, Andrea Palmer

The council continued to work on updating the congregation's ministry plan. The previous 2020 plan is revisited to identify the next steps for strengths, opportunities, and weaknesses. An initial theme that remains is that Christian education is a primary focus of St. John's. This focus extends to Christian education within the home to support families. A second draft of the Ministry Plan will be presented at the next council meeting.

The Council approved using \$3,204.75 of the Undesignated Memorials Fund to cover the difference needed to support our 12 members on the path to public ministry.

1. St. John's has 10 members planning to attend MLC this coming year. The MLC Congregational Partner Grant Program matches the congregation's contributions to their education up to \$1,450. St. John's contributes \$750 to each student to be matched by the college instead of the full amount. Currently, the fund has \$4,845.25 and \$450 additional coming from the Ministerial

Endowment Fund bringing the total to \$5,295.25. A total of \$7,500 is needed to give \$750 to each student.

2. We have 2 St. John's members attending Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon next year. We are recommending sending each student \$500 towards their Seminary education. \$1,000 is needed for this recommendation.
3. A total of \$8,500 is needed in total to fund the 12 students as described. With \$5,295.25 currently available, the difference of \$3,204.75 will come from the Undesignated Memorials fund, which had a balance of \$32,694.

The May financial reports highlighted that the congregation is in the black by roughly \$10,000 at the end of April. We thank Jesus for the Gospel-motivated gifts many members have given following the congregation's 2023 deficit. These gifts have put us in a positive position at this time. St. John's is entering the summer months, where offerings tend to drop from the first quarter contributions. We continue to find ways to encourage each other and communicate our financial position. Details will be shared at the upcoming council and voters' meetings.

Council Announcements

The Council moved their June meeting from June 18 to June 25 at 7 pm. The MN District Convention begins on the 18th. St John's pastors and council members called workers will have convention responsibilities into the evening. So the meeting is moved. Reports and announcements for the July Fortress are still submitted by the third Friday in June.

The following schedule was set for future meetings:

Next council meeting - Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 7 pm

Next voters' meeting - Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 7 pm

Submitted by Jon Schaefer,
Congregational President

Stewardship

Glorifying God with our Bodies

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies. 1 Cor. 6:19-20.

This type of stewardship can be tough. There can be so many factors and influences that impact our body. In addition, it's easy to forget that our bodies belong to God because we are used to making our own choices about we do and don't do. So, how do we take care of something very important that we are responsible for but do not own?

The good news is that you don't have to run a marathon or lift heavy weights in order to be a good steward of your body. It can actually be things we don't do that can show honor to God; things we don't do to our body or put into our body. Our mindset is then different when we remember that our body is not our own. We're caretakers of our body; it's a gift from God, just like everything else that He has bestowed on us.

Mark Maurice, Chairman

Cancer Group

St. John's Cancer Group will meet on Sunday, June 2 at 3:00 pm in the church basement fellowship area.

Our purpose is encouragement from God's Word and each other. Consider coming if you have experienced a cancer diagnosis of any kind, either recently or at any time in the past.

Our gatherings are not just for the person diagnosed with cancer. Spouses, adult family members, or other support persons are also very welcome to attend. For more information contact Wayne Wagner at wwagner50@outlook.com.



Women of St. John's

We will have an indoor picnic on Tuesday, June 4 at 6 pm at 820 S. Washington St. (enter through the backyard to avoid stairs. Pulled pork sandwiches, beverages and dessert will be provided. Please bring an appetizer or salad to share with the group.

There is a sign up sheet on the table in the new narthex to help with planning. Contact Sarah Logston at logstonsarah@gmail.com with any questions.

Board of Youth and Education

The Blessing of Sunday School and the Need for Teachers

St. John's, New Ulm is blessed with Christian education that is offered from pre-school through college. We encourage parents to take advantage of all the opportunities that are available to them so that they can train their children in the Word of God.

When I was growing up, I did not attend a Lutheran Elementary School. However, the congregation I attended had a very strong Sunday School program. We learned Bible verses and Luther's Small Catechism. It was a great blessing to me and many others.

Sunday School is perhaps overlooked at times since we do have Christian day school. But Sunday School is still important for a number of reasons. First of all, it gives students yet one more opportunity to hear the Word of God. Second, it brings students together on a regular basis in a setting that is not school. Third, it becomes part of the routine that is instilled in students to make Sunday a time set apart for worshiping God, as we learn in the Third Commandment, and as we learn in Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

To that end, we encourage you as parents to send your children to Sunday School, even if they are enrolled at St. Paul's School. If they are enrolled at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School or Martin Luther College, you might encourage them to become Sunday School teachers or helpers.



An Appeal for More Sunday School Teachers

We are blessed to have Martin Luther College in our backyard, and that quite literally. The students from MLC have been a great asset to our congregation in many ways, and Sunday School is no exception. In fact, this past year ALL our Sunday School teachers are or were MLC students. They were great!

However, it also poses a special problem for St. John's. Due to the fact that MLC has now begun something called a "J Term" these students are not available during almost the entire month of January. There are also other times, such as spring break, when they may also not be available.

As a result, we are looking for more Sunday School teachers from within the congregation. We have always endeavored to have at least two teachers for each grade. That way, teachers can tag-team and not have to teach every Sunday. And even though we do not want to discourage MLC students from teaching for us, ideally it works best that if one of the teachers happens to be an MLC student, we would like to have the other person to be a member of the congregation so that they can cover those Sundays when the MLC student is not able to be there.

St. John's members, please consider being Sunday School teachers or to be placed on a substitute list, because there are times we need subs as well. Your service to the congregation and to God's Kingdom at large would be deeply appreciated.

If you are interested, contact Pastor Bovee or Prof. Joel Thomford.

In Christ,

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Sanctuary Renovation Projects – Thanks to all who helped get the various areas cleaned out in preparation for the renovation of the sanctuary. I hope that as you read this, the renovation work, namely the flooring and pew cushioning is underway. You may have noticed that the walls of the sanctuary were painted. We thank Mark Kowalke for his detailed work completed in early May.

The “all church cleaning” date will be set once the sanctuary is complete– a date most likely in July. Watch the bulletins for details.

Stewardship Time & Talents ~ In late June, we hope to have a distribution of the Stewardship Board’s Time & Talent booklet along with the encouragement for every member to fill out a T&T survey, either paper or online, to update or indicate areas of ministry that interest you to support the work of our congregation. There are currently 250 members serving roughly 600 positions of active ministry in our congregation. There is currently a desire to fill about 800 available positions of ministry here at St. John’s – there are so many opportunities to be active. The interest “survey” does not sign you up for activities, but gives me and others who serve in those areas a chance to reach out to interested members to help fill roles of ministry that are important to St. John’s congregation. Perhaps you are interested in choir, handbells, advancing slides, or substitute teaching in Sunday School. There are many opportunities! Perhaps you are no longer able to serve in ways you had indicated in the past. Please fill out these surveys when they become available, most likely in July. It takes many people to complete the ministry done each year at St. John’s! Links will be published once the booklet and surveys are updated. Thanks for your participation.

Visiting the Homebound - If you are not on our list to be visited but would like to be included, please call or text me at **507-217-7604** or email me to get on the list.

College and Military Members ~ If you or your children are going to college in the fall or joining the military or currently active, especially the new high school graduated students, please give the new contact information to the church office. We would like to send students of St. John’s information and encouragement while they are away. There are also opportunities to become connected to various colleges’ Campus Ministries for the WELS - see <https://campusministry.welsrc.net/meet-the-staff/> Parents, help your child connect with a local church in the area of the college they are attending. When you move them into the dorms, take time to go to church with them, introduce them to the pastor. It will be easier for them to continue to keep the “One Thing Needful” in their lives if they don’t have to go alone the first time. Find a church in their area by visiting <https://yearbook.wels.net/unitsearch>

St. John’s Tech Services - Use the following links or internet address shortcuts to reach our online resources.

- 1) <https://stjohnsnewulm.com> - Our church’s Website - Check it out!
- 2) <bit.ly/SJNUPodcast> to listen again to the pastor’s sermon message on your phone.
- 3) <bit.ly/SJyoutube> - St. John’s YouTube Channel- Watch services again at your convenience.
- 4) <bit.ly/SJBibleClass> - Online Bible Class sign in with Google Meet

Respectfully submitted, Jim Dretske sm.dretske@stjohnsnewulm.com

WELS Women's Ministry Conference

Save the Date! July 28 - 30 at the Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee, WI.



This conference is for any woman who is passionate about the spread of the Good News of Jesus in our world today, no matter her age and background. New to the faith or seasoned, married or single, the keynotes and wide variety of breakout sessions will encourage, equip, and empower you in your walk of faith.

Go to www.welswmconference.net to find out more and to register.

Africa Missionary at St. John's in July

Pastor Benjamin Foxen will be guest preaching the first weekend of July. He and his family will also be giving a presentation about life and mission work in Zambia and throughout Africa after the 9:30 service on Sunday, July 7 concluding with a potluck lunch. Please contact Sarah Logston at logstonsarah@gmail.com with any questions.

Our Synod at Work

2024 WELS Annual Report: Called to Proclaim

This month we will start to focus on the section entitled “Called to Proclaim” in the WELS 2024 Annual Report by looking at Home Missions. As we have mentioned, WELS has officially launched its 100 missions in 10 years. The plan includes the planting of 100 new home mission churches and the enhancement of 75 existing ministries.

The ten new missions for this year include:

1. Bentonville, AR: Bentonville is the headquarters of Walmart and is anticipated to see a 35% population growth in the next three years. Only two churches of any denomination are located in the target area of southwest Bentonville/Centerton. The 12-person core group has been active in the community and is working on planting a new church in an area that has no current WELS presence.
2. Panamá City Beach, FL. Amazing Grace in Panama City is looking to expand west and start a second site in the greater Panama City Beach area.
3. Idaho Falls, ID. The greater Idaho Falls area is experiencing tremendous growth due to jobs, quality of life, and cost of living. The Mormon church has a strong historical presence in the area, so the 11-person core group has been working with Truth in Love Ministries, a WELS-affiliated organization that reaches out to Mormons and equips others to do so.

4. Boston, MA. Boston is a city with a population of 4.3 million and is known as “America’s College Town” with 53 colleges and universities. The closest WELS church to the urban center is a 90-minute drive to the south. The urban mission plan is being modeled after church plants in Atlanta and New York City.
5. Marquette, MI. Marquette serves as the hub of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. 52% of the people in and around Marquette do not have a home church or attend a church. It is also home to 7,000 students at Northern Michigan University and provides a ripe opportunity for a campus ministry program.
6. Kellispell, MT. Kellispell is considered the fastest growing city between 10,000 and 50,000 people in the US and is 100 miles away from the nearest WELS church. A dedicated core group has been gathering for worship on a regular basis for years. The Pastor at Living Savior in Missoula leads onsite worship twice a month.
7. Cincinnati, OH. Beautiful Savior is starting a second site in the Oakley and Hyde Park neighborhoods, just northeast of downtown. A core group of 20 members have been meeting regularly since the fall of 2022. The new location would put Beautiful Savior closer to three colleges, which would open up opportunities for campus ministry growth.
8. North Collin County, TX. A core group of 15 members from Atonement in Plano, Texas, are starting a new church in North Collin County, which is a suburb of Dallas.
9. Kronenwetter, WI. Five WELS churches in the greater Wausau area are supporting a new mission. This growing community south of Wausau is home to Northland Lutheran High School, which houses this new church.
10. Buffalo, WY. A group of 27 WELS members living in the Buffalo area have been worshipping weekly in the local civic center since March of 2020. They are led by the pastor from Lord of Lords in Casper. Core group members have started three different Bible study/book study opportunities outside of Sunday worship.

Enhancements of existing churches include: (1) Beautiful Savior in West Des Moines, Iowa; (2) Our Redeemer in Ladysmith, Wisconsin; (3) Good Shepherd in Midland, Texas; (4) Fairview in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; (5) Christ the King in Port Charlotte, Florida; (6) Divine Savior in Missouri City, Texas; (7) Mount Calvary in Redding/Anderson, California; (8) Christ the King in Palm Coast, Florida; (9) Hope in Deerfield, Wisconsin; and (10) Cross of Christ in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Next month we will conclude our view of “Called to Proclaim” by looking at World Missions, which has 19 prospective world mission fields.

Gerald Woodley

Summer Fellowship in the Park

The Friday morning women's Bible study group invites all parents and their children to join them during the summer months for Christian fellowship in the park. We meet at 9 am at the listed park for free play. Please feel free to stay as little or as long as you'd like. Feel free to bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Erika Grundmeier at (989) 529-8729.

- Jun 7 Riverside Park: 101 S. Front St.
- 14 Washington Park: 715 N. State St.
- 21 Harman Park: 101 N Garden St.
- 28 North Market Park: 1414 N. German St.

(We'll take 4th of July Week Off)

- Jul 12 Nehl's Park: 1100 Summit Ave.
- 19 South Park: 1800 S. State St.
- 26 German Park: 200 N. German St.

- Aug 2 Hermann Heights Park: 14 Monument St.
- 9 North Park: 1801 N State St. (SplashPad available starting later in morning)
- 16 Harman Park: 101 N. Garden St.
- 23 Highland Park: 1627 5th North St.



St. Paul's School

A Look Back on the EANS Funds the Past Three Years

Within the realm of our school's financial framework, the infusion of half a million dollars via EANS (Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools) funds over the past three years has brought unexpected benefits for our students. This impact of financial support has been instrumental in strengthening various facets of our ministry. It is time to say goodbye to these funds with a thankful look back at the influence these funds have had on our mission.

Significant EANS funds were allocated to technological advancements. These resources have enabled the procurement of equipment such as classroom touch panels to replace our Smart Boards and laptops for the teachers, fostering a technologically enriched learning environment for our students.

However, the utilization of EANS funds has extended beyond technological enhancements. Particularly noteworthy is our largest allocation of over \$300,000 in EANS resources over three years towards supporting students affected by the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, notably through the utilization of paraprofessionals. Our paraprofessionals have played a vital role in providing additional support to students facing academic and emotional hurdles during that unique time.

The strategic allocation of EANS funds above and beyond our school's budget has yielded tangible benefits, ranging from technological integration to student support and other measures. As we reflect on the impact of these funds, it becomes evident that they have played a pivotal role in the development of our students. EANS funds have been a blessing for our students. It is time for us to financially support the use of paraprofessionals to continue providing students with educational support.

Pete Markgraf
St. Paul's School Principal

Church Library

Summer is here. School is out. Some activities are on hiatus for the next few months. But that leaves us with more time to read: our Bibles, Bible studies, and other inspirational materials. Can we help in those endeavors?

We have 4 books to introduce this month. Remember the "new" books are on the wheeled cart in the library.

The first item is non-fiction. "Hard Sayings of Jesus" by Joel Seifert is a subject we studied recently in Bible Class, but this book is from the NPH "Bible Discovery Series". This booklet covers the same questions that were discussed in class, but it is set up differently. Interesting.

The second item is also non-fiction. "A Single Life to Live" by Hannah Schermerhorn. She is single but not by choice. So she studied the matter, and using a bachelor or bachelorette from the Bible, such as Jeremiah, Lazarus, and Mary Magdalene, explains help against loneliness, choice, time, community, purpose, and serving, etc. She advises to stop waiting for your life to begin. Plan to be single.

Two fiction books are also available this month. The "Love Finds You" series takes us to Hope, Kansas. The author, Pam Griffin, takes us to 1889 in Kansas. Allison comes from the east to help her brother-in-law who is a widower with 6 kids. But really it was the 6 kids who invited her. She has to learn the basics to be a homemaker, and he has to learn to put the past behind him.

The second fiction book is "Her Amish Legacy" by two authors. Tracey Lyons writes of Lizzie who has a scar on her face and thinks she will never marry. But her neighbor Paul helps her family and has loved her for years. Part 2 of this Amish book is by Patricia Davies. In this story, Adrian resents God for letting his wife and son die. Now he has a new neighbor, a widow, in the farm next door. She is alone so he is neighborly. She also has a nephew she wants to adopt, and Adrian helps there also.

There are many other books, fiction and non-fiction in our church library. Check us out, and happy reading.

LeiLani Rahn, church librarian

Central Africa Medical Mission

*Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! ... Tell of His salvation from day to day.
Psalm 96:1-2*

The Lord has been faithful to the Lutheran Mobile Clinic and all its staff. He is keeping us healthy so that we can continue serving His people. However, we are still experiencing a huge number of patients in all the clinic sites. The top diagnosis in all these sites remains Malaria. For the past weeks, our Mwalaulomwe Clinic has seen a huge turnout of patients. So much so that we ran out of medication because the government hospitals have a low supply of Malaria testing kits and medication. We hope that the supplies will be available soon and that God brings healing upon His people.

I would like to tell you about our disabled Kids at Msambo Clinic, the Lord has been so faithful upon their lives. Newa Amos is a four-year-old little boy, born in 2020. In 2022 at two years old, Newa suffered cerebral Malaria which affected him such that he lost developmental milestones. He could not sit, stand, or walk. He lost speech and he started drooling. After he was cured of malaria, the boy was discharged through the Physiotherapy department and the mother was told to visit three times a week. Due to transport problems, the mother was unable to visit the hospital. After a few weeks, this mother together with her boy came to our clinic at Msambo. Our clinic was able to help with money for transport and the boy started getting physiotherapy sessions at Children of Blessings hospital which is a little bit closer to her home.

2024 marks two years since Newa started his Physiotherapy sessions at Children of Blessings. He visits the hospital two times a week. The mother was taught how to do the physiotherapy at home. Both the physiotherapists and the mother play a great role in making sure that Newa gets back on his feet. Today, Newa is four years old, and he can sit, stand and walk alone without support. He is now in a speech class, and he can utter a few inaudible words but there is hope that he will be able to talk.

Currently, our clinic supports five kids with transport money so that they get their physiotherapy at Children of Blessings. There is a great improvement in all the other four kids and there is hope that they will be able to live normally. The mothers and the kids' families are very happy and thankful for the help they receive.

The medical mission's work in fighting disease and malnutrition in children, more especially the disabled ones, helps to prolong their lives and gives them and their parents a chance to hear the Gospel and be saved. We are so very thankful for all who give to the Central Africa Medical Mission to make it possible, and May God continue blessing you.

Your Sister in Christ,
Violet

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