



St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
New Ulm, MN

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Sound Doctrine

The word *doctrine* does not have a good connotation in contemporary America. Most Americans probably wouldn't get excited about being invited to a doctrine class. That kind of presentation sounds stuffy or boring. When some hear the word *doctrine*, they think of people who are closed-minded or unwilling to listen to others. In an age dominated by relativism the very concept of *sound doctrine* seems absurd.

St. Paul had a different attitude toward doctrine. In giving instruction to Titus concerning the elders he was to appoint in Crete he declares, *He [an elder] must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it* (Titus 1:9).

What does it mean to encourage with sound doctrine? It means comforting sinners with the good news of forgiveness in Jesus. It means reminding the dying and the bereaved of the blessed certainty of the resurrection and everlasting life. It means reassuring the sick and the hurting that their Savior will never leave them or forsake them. Encouraging with sound doctrine means to patiently instruct young and old in God's word so that they can meet the challenges and temptations they face in this life. It means teaching them what is right and wrong according to God's holy will. It means encouraging trust and Christian living with God's message of salvation, providence, and preservation.

False doctrine, however, undermines the Christian life and salvation, and can even destroy faith. That is why a pastor must also be able to refute those who oppose sound doctrine. False doctrine is always dangerous.

Luther understood this. His Reformation was not a moral reformation or an ecclesiastical reformation like the religious movements of many who went before him. His was a *doctrinal* reformation. He knew that there was as much sin among his followers as there was among the disciples of Rome. Rome's false doctrine, however, undermined God's answer for human sin.

In his lectures on Galatians (1535) Luther declares, *With the utmost rigor we demand that all the articles of Christian doctrine, both large and small—although we do not regard any of them as small—be kept pure and certain. . . . This is supremely necessary. . . For this doctrine is our only light, which illumines and directs*

us and shows us the way to heaven; if it is overthrown in one point, it must be overthrown completely. . . And when that happens, our love will not be of any use to us. . . Therefore there is no comparison at all between doctrine and

life. “One dot” of doctrine is worth more than “heaven and earth” (Matt. 5:18); therefore we do not permit the slightest offense against it. But we can be lenient toward errors of life (Luther’s Works, American Edition, vol 27, p. 410). Luther understood that sound doctrine is the source of faith and the Christian life. False doctrine is spiritual poison.

We don’t, however, insist on sound doctrine merely for doctrine’s sake, although who would be so bold as to say that any teaching of God’s Word is unimportant or disposable. We stress sound doctrine for the sake of the gospel and the salvation of souls. We don’t speak of sound doctrine in a condescending way. We speak in such a way that we might win others over to the truth, speaking the truth in love. We want others to know and believe God’s word. We love them too much to let them be led astray by the devil’s schemes and lies.

Sound doctrine is also important for us personally. As our Savior tells us, *If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free* (John 8:31-32).

There is good reason for us to pray, “Lord, keep us steadfast in your word.” Satan is constantly tempting us to compromise, pervert, or deny God’s truth. St. Paul warns, *The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons* (1 Timothy 4:1).

Finally, we are always to strive to speak and teach as clearly as possible because we don’t want anyone to misunderstand the trustworthy message. It’s a matter of spiritual life and death. Scripture directs us, *Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers* (1 Timothy 4:16).

The word *doctrine* may not have a good connotation in contemporary America. Many may ridicule the very concept of *sound* doctrine. We know better. Doctrine brings life. That’s why we cling to everything God’s Word teaches.

That’s also exactly what our Lord calls pastors to do. *He [an elder] must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.*

Prof. em. John Brenner

September Sermon Texts

September 1	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	Be One Who HOLDS God’s Word
September 8	Isaiah 35:4-7a	Thirsty? Have a Drink!
September 15	Mark 9:14-27	Help Me Overcome My Unbelief
September 22	James 3:13-18	Wise Up and Live in Peace!
September 29	Revelation 12:7-12	Satan Stinks

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

Sundays at 9:30 am	Psalms	Pastor Jeff Bovee
Thursdays at 10 am	Vices and Virtues	Pastor Rob Guenther
Thursdays at 7 pm	Proverbs	Pastor Jeff Bovee
Fridays at 9:30 am	Proverbs	Pastor Jeff Bovee

Council

The St. John's Church Council met on August 20. A summary of reports and actions not reported elsewhere in the *Fortress* follows:

Membership Changes from the August Meeting

Transfers Out

Nicholas Fischer to Ascension Lutheran, Sarasota, FL

David Haferman (baptized member) to Resurrection and Life Lutheran, Rochester, MN

Jonathan and Erin Laabs; Genevieve, Mariah, Garrett to Bethlehem Lutheran, Germantown, WI

Transfers In

Aaron and Sarah Dolan; Silas, Gretchen, and Gus from Martin Luther Lutheran, Neenah, WI

Allison Bovee from Good Shepherd, West Bend, WI

Membership Updates Previously Unreported in the *Fortress*

Transfers In

Susan Decker from Ascension Lutheran, Plymouth, MN

David and Andrea Neumann; Melody from Living Hope Lutheran, West Allis, WI

Transfers Out

Jim and Pat Rathje to St. Mark Lutheran, Mankato, MN

Donovan Witte to St. Paul's Lutheran, New Ulm, MN

The **Board of Youth and Education** reported on several key activities, including the distribution of over \$30,800 in tuition assistance to St. Paul's Lutheran School family applicants. They also discussed the upcoming announcement during services to encourage volunteers for Sunday School and Adult Bible Study teaching, especially during MLC breaks. Also, the board reflected on a successful Vacation Bible School (VBS) led by Pastor Bovee, and with the youth group heavily involved. They noted plans to begin VBS preparations earlier next year to reduce the burden on the pastor.

The **Board of Evangelism** highlighted the success of the annual church picnic, which had about 130 attendees and served as a welcoming event for members and guests. Upcoming events include staffing a table at the MLC Orientation to connect with students and parents, and the popular

Summer Send-Off at St. Paul's Lutheran School, which last year attracted around 350 people. The board continues to review and refine its activities to maximize outreach effectiveness while managing costs and looks to involve more youth in service opportunities within the church.

The **Board of Properties** reported on various maintenance activities, including the repair of the AED in the narthex, resurfacing of the parking lot, and moving a pew to the basement. They are also exploring options for restoring the deteriorating exterior sign at the corner of Washington & 7th and have begun obtaining bids for the removal of three dead ash trees on a rental property. The board is considering the future of the rental property, discussing whether to renovate, sell, or potentially extend the parking lot.

The **Board of Stewardship** approved several wish list items, including the purchase of psalters, hymnals, and large-print Bibles. They also discussed topics for upcoming issues of the Fortress newsletter, focusing on non-cash gifts and estate planning. The board is introducing a new digital giving platform, Givelify, which will be recommended to the Church Council. Additionally, the board is planning an estate planning seminar for December 8th and is working on strategies to increase participation in the time and talent survey.

The **Board of Elders** focused on member care, approving releases and transfers, and providing some support to a few members by using the benevolence fund, which currently has a balance of \$12,517.74. They are continuing their efforts to reach out to inactive members, with plans to present a release list at the October Voter's Meeting. The board also supported called worker care, including approving Pastor Guenther's temporary teaching role at MVL and considering assistance for a pastoral vacancy in Fairmont. Additionally, they referred a request for tuition coverage for the children of a deceased member to the Youth and Education Board.

Council Business

Planning the St. John's 2025 budget began. The initial setup included coordination to review line items, the church's funds, and changes made from last year. The current budget deficit for this year grew to over \$23,564 coming into the end of the summer months, a period when member attendance typically drops. Some members previously gave their annual gifts from their investments at the beginning of the year. The council was asked to consider their gifts as the congregation spurs each other toward acts of love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24).

The completion of several sanctuary renovation punch list items remains a priority. Punch list items include addressing misaligned and unfinished tile work on the chancel-sacristy floor, where the tile and nosing do not align with the chancel steps, and finishing the bathroom off the sacristy. Additionally, the steps leading to both the 7th Street entry and the balcony are only partially finished. A/V wires must also be concealed, either through quarter-round installation in the chancel or by running cables through the vestry. Finishing touches are needed to complete the vestry and sacristy doors, vents, and trim. Coordination with contractors like Sharpe's and John Hunstead is ongoing, with follow-ups on contracts and quotes for redoing the chancel in progress. The next steps emphasize taking the time to complete the punch list items properly, gathering necessary materials, and determining the best approach for completing the outstanding items, while also considering the timing for the Chancel portions with worship, potentially scheduling for 6-12 months out.

During the meeting, the Council discussed a few strategic initiatives, starting with feedback on the drafted strategic plan from the voters at their last June 25th meeting. The Council is also organizing a leadership retreat, to finalize the ministry plan before bringing it to the voters for adoption in October. Voters and congregation members can review the drafted ministry plan and provide further input by using the QR code, bit.ly/SJ-MinistryPlan2025.

Under new business, recruitment for upcoming elections and creating a timeline for annual action items were addressed. It was adopted to publicly thank outgoing staff and members for their service. Additionally, there was a discussion on preliminary feedback regarding the restoration of the St. John's Lutheran Church sign and input concerning the future of the church's rental property.

The Council also reviewed recommendations from the Stewardship Board, including the approval of \$180 for materials to make baby blankets for baptisms. Another recommendation involved the replacement of 250 pew Bibles with large-print NIV11 editions, at a cost of \$13 per Bible, totaling \$3,250. Lastly, the implementation of the Givelify digital giving application was adopted, with details forthcoming on its setup and use.

Future meetings:

- Next regular council meeting - September 17 at 7 pm
- Next regular voters' meeting - October 22 at 7 pm
- Next joint council meeting - November 19, 2024

Submitted by Jon Schaefer,
Congregational President

Church Library

School is back! Learning to read and then reading to learn. Reading for fun and learning to learn. All because we have good schools. But mostly because God gave us all brains that can think and reason and deliberate and remember. Thank you, Lord!

We have a new book to introduce this month. It is about Faith. "Faith Misused" by Alvin Schmidt. The word "faith" should refer only to the Christian faith. Faith in the truths about Jesus as taught in the Bible. Many religions have gotten away from the real faith. They talk about faith but have gotten away from the Bible facts. Will this get them to heaven? When we talk about someone else's faith who is not a Christian, it is religion, not faith.

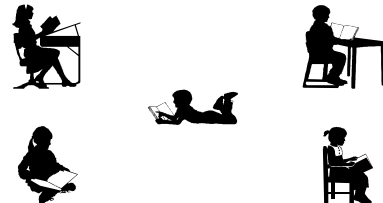
Shelley Shepard Gray writes Amish novels. She has written more than one series about Amish romance. We have the first 2 books of a trilogy, Families of Honor. The first book is labeled "The Caregiver". Lucy and Calvin meet on a train. She is on her way to be a caregiver for her dear friend Maggie who has cancer. After a month Lucy must go home. Calvin returns to his family farm. They have a connection but where will it lead them?

Book 2 of the trilogy is the "Protector". Loyal is the brother to Calvin in the first books. Loyal buys the farm that Ella's family had but she couldn't do it alone. He wants to marry her, but she isn't aware of him, other than being a friend. She has a woman friend who actually works against her. Can Loyal help?

I found book 3 in the public library.

Have a good school year!

LeiLani Rahn, church librarian



Opportunities to Share Your Musical Talent

What a privilege and joy to praise our Savior and proclaim the gospel message through music!

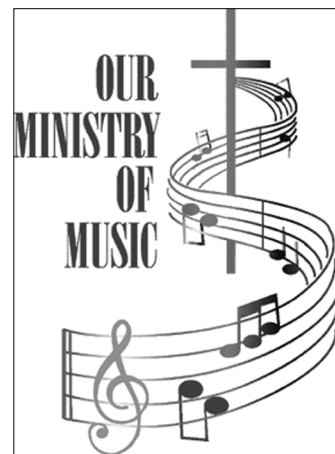
Choir

The St. John's Choir serves to enhance our worship by bringing God's Word to his people in song.

Anyone 8th grade and older are welcome to participate in the choir. There is no audition, and you do not need to know how to read music.

Rehearsals will be held in the St. John's balcony on Wednesdays from 7 - 8 pm. The first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 4.

If you have any questions please contact Adrian Smith at smithar@mlc-wels.edu or 248-505-3410.



Handbells

Anyone 8th grade and older are welcome to participate.

Rehearsals will be Wednesdays from 6 - 7 pm. The first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 11.

If you have any questions, please contact Becky Berg at rberg@mvlhs.org or 989-280-7674. Please leave your name and phone number if you receive the voicemail.

St. Paul's School

What does the data tell us about the preschool?

This data reflects the diversity in church affiliations and attendance schedules among preschoolers.

- **Grade Levels:** The children are in either PS3 (Preschool 3) or PS4 (Preschool 4).
- **Church Attendance:**
 - * **Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New Ulm:** 3 students in PS4 (full days or half days), 1 student in PS3 (2 half days).
 - * **Christ the King, New Ulm:** 1 student in PS4 (full days).
 - * **Grace Community Church, New Ulm:** 1 student in PS4 (3 half days).
 - * **Living Hope Ev. Lutheran Church, West Allis:** 1 student in PS4 (3 half days).
 - * **St. John's, New Ulm:** A significant number of students(11) from both PS3 and PS4, with varied attendance ranging from 2 to 5 half days or full days.
 - * **St. John's, Sleepy Eye:** 1 student in PS4 (3 half days).
 - * **St. Mary's Catholic Church, New Ulm:** 1 student in PS4 (2 or 3 half days).
 - * **St. Paul's, New Ulm:** A large number of students(15) from both PS3 and PS4, with a mix of full days and half days.
 - * **River of Life Lutheran Church, Saint Peter:** 1 student in PS3 (full days).
 - * **River Ridge Evangelical Free, North Mankato:** 1 student in PS3 (3 half days).
 - * **No Church Home/Looking for New Church Home:** 2 students in PS3 with varying attendance.
 - * **Plan to Attend New Lutheran Church:** 2 students in PS3 with varied PS daily attendance.

• **Attendance Types:**

- * **Full Days:** Predominantly PS4 students, especially at St. Paul's, St. John's, and Cathedral of the Holy Trinity.
- * **Half Days:** A mix of PS3 and PS4 students with varying schedules, often linked to St. John's and St. Paul's.

Pete Markgraf,
St. Paul's School Principal

Staff Minister

Sanctuary Renovation Projects – There were some issues with the installation of the chancel area flooring as well as need of materials for the steps in various areas, so the “**all-church cleaning**” is being suspended until the work is complete. Watch the bulletins for details. We pray for a large crowd to clean the church as there will be a fair amount of construction dust throughout the church.

Stewardship Time & Talents ~ To date, there were only about thirty members who either filled the online or paper form to indicate their interest for various ministries. Perhaps you forgot to do this. There were about 100 members who had filled out the form two years ago, but interests and abilities change and there are also new opportunities, so each member is asked to fill out a new Interest Form. With over 600 potentially able members, there should be more members willing to share their interests and desire to be a part of the ministry of St. John's. There are many opportunities at St. John's! Read through the booklet, see what opportunities the Holy Spirit opens up for you and fill out the survey. “For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose” (Philippians 2:13)

<https://bit.ly/SJTandTBooklet2024> and bit.ly/SJTandTSurvey Thanks for your participation.

Visiting the Homebound - Members living at home and restricted from easily getting out and about, if you are not on our list to be visited but would like to be included during a period of need, please call or text me at **507-217-7604** or email me to get on the list.

YouTube Ministry - There are a number of members and visitors who frequently watch our online services. Sometimes the number of viewers is over 100 in a weekend. This is great. Sometimes there are several in a household watching at the same time, so there could be hundreds of people watching each weekend. This is awesome! There are a few people who scan the code at the beginning or end of the service and let us know how many are watching and other information about their experience online via a very short and easy survey

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. Do Subscribe - No Cost

- 4) bit.ly/SJBibleClass - Online Bible Class sign in with Google Meet
- 5) bit.ly/CommunionQuestions - Prepare for Communion watching this 6 minute video (SJ Maundy Thursday 2023)
- 6) <https://instantchurchdirectory.com> Use “Member Sign in” or Download the App on your phone. Enter St. John’s New Ulm and your email to create a sign in on your phone or click one of the apps below on your phone or iPad:

Apple App Store: Get the iPhone / iPad app [here](#)

Google Play Store: Get the Android app [here](#)

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

Cards of Caring

Cards of Caring is a group that gathers six Saturdays a year to make cards to remember our homebound and thinking-of-you members, our Befriend a Mission LWMS families, and others, as needed. This year we will meet on September 14, October 12 and November 9 from 9 am until noon at 403 N. Minnesota St.



We are looking for more volunteers to assist and make cards using recycled cards and stamp sets plus other prep work. No talents are needed and all materials are provided. Maybe you have new ideas. We also welcome MLC students. Come as your schedule allows. A time for fellowship and service to the Lord.

Contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230 with questions

In
Loving
Memory

<i>Mary Hussman</i>	Undesignated	\$615
	LWMS	\$100
	Missions	\$50
	Renovations	\$40
	WSJ	\$20
<i>Paul Fritze</i>	Endowment	\$20
	Undesignated	\$65
	Ministerial Education Endowment	\$50



Women of St. John's

Pastor Joel Gaertner, Director for WELS Special Ministries will be our guest speaker about Freedom for the Captives (www.freedomforcaptives.com).



Freedom for the Captives is dedicated to equipping the Body of Christ to protect children and empower abuse survivors.

We will meet in the church basement at 7 pm on Tuesday, September 3.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the presentation. The ladies will have a brief business meeting following the presentation.

2024 Men of His Word Conference - Built to Serve

This year's theme is based off of Galatians 5:13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

Do you ever wonder if you're the right man for the job? I think I've spent most of my life trying to figure out what I'm good at doing. We all want to be good at something. Whether we realize it or not, God has given each of us the exact abilities we need to do the work he has planned out for us. And, Galatians 5:13 reminds us that Christ has set us free so that we can use those abilities to serve one another in love. Join us at Men of His Word to learn how you are Built to Serve in all of the different vocations to which God has called you.

The 9th Annual MOHW Conference will be held at the Mayo Civic Center in downtown Rochester, MN on Saturday, October 26th, 2024.

Additional details and online registration are available at www.menofhisword.org.

The registration fee is \$75 for adults and \$40 for youth – these rates increase to \$90 and \$50 respectively after October 20th.

Please join us for a day of worship, praise and fellowship in God's Word!

Summary of 2024 Worship Conference

A number of members from St. John's were able to attend the 2024 WELS National Conference on Worship, Music, and the Arts. The conference took place at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin from July 30 through August 2. In addition to fellowship with fellow artists, musicians, and worship leaders from across our synod, the conference offered a wonderful opportunity to grow and to learn new ideas to apply to worship in our own congregations.

In addition to the keynote address which encouraged attendees to consider the unique blessings that Lutheran worship offers in our unique time and place in history, there were a number of breakout sessions that touched on a wide variety of skills and interests. There were music reading sessions for keyboardists and choir directors, presentations on preaching for pastors, and a number of historical presentations that made useful applications to present-day worship.



The greatest highlight of the conference, however, is always the various concerts and the worship services themselves. After an opening concert on the first night, the services focused this year on the non-festival half of the church year. They demonstrated how worship can be special even during the time of year when we might not have as many “special” services. The first evening service was a concert based on the canticles of historic Christian worship. Between selections, several devotions explained why Christians have historically made these songs a

foundational part of their worship life. The second evening service was a hymn festival that presented hymns in many different styles for use throughout the church year. As has become tradition, the closing concert was led by a high-school honor choir. This year, the choir was directed by St. John's member Adrian Smith. The concert was a beautiful proclamation of the gospel and, as the concert closed with “Jerusalem the Golden” gave attendees the opportunity to look forward to the perfect worship of Christ's heavenly kingdom.

God willing, the next worship conference will take place three years from now. If you have never attended before, consider taking advantage of this unique opportunity. There really is something for everyone.



Our Synod at Work

The Summer Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Spotlight

This month we'll pause presenting highlights from the WELS Annual Report to look at some of the highlights from the Summer 2024 Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Spotlight brochure.

On Friday, May 24, the seminary held its graduation service. This year, twenty-seven men successfully completed the prescribed program and received the Master of Divinity degree. In addition, two pastors earned Master of Sacred Theology degrees.

The synod's Assignment Committee met on the seminary campus on Tuesday, May 21, for the purpose of assigning candidates for the holy ministry to the synod's congregations, schools, and mission fields. There was an assignment service on Thursday, May 23, in which Professor Brad Wordell presented a sermon based on Psalm 87 proclaiming the glory of Zion, God's holy city. The candidates for ministry and all believers have been adopted as citizens of Zion. After hearing encouragement from God's Word, the candidates, along with their families and friends, learned where the Lord has chosen to send them. In all, twenty-seven men were assigned, including a graduate from the class of 2022. There were ninety-seven requests for pastoral candidates. In addition, five men were reassigned to their present field of ministry for an additional year.

On Wednesday, May 22, during a separate evening service, forty middlers were assigned to congregations in the United State, Canada, and one to Colombia, to serve for their vicar year.

The high number of vacancies in our synod, as evidenced by the ninety-seven requests for pastoral candidates that came to the synod's Assignment Committee, leads to high interest in enrollment numbers at the seminary. The 2023-24 school year began with an enrollment of 134 and ended with an enrollment of 133. A larger incoming class will more than replace the twenty-seven graduates. Preliminary estimates call for a student body of 147 to begin the 2024-25 school year.

The seminary also works on equipping professors. The seminary's governing board, in extending calls for new professors, places a priority on pastoral experience rather than advance degrees. However, the governing board also regularly encourages those that are called to serve as professors to pursue continuing education, that they might be as well prepared as possible for the work entrusted to them. At present, nine professors are in formal academic programs and two others are weighing options.

Classes began for the 2024-25 school year on August 22. An opening service was held on August 21.

Next month we will be returning to pointing out some of the highlights from the WELS Annual Report.

Gerald Woodley

“Domestic Abuse, the Bible, and You” Zoom Class

What is domestic abuse? What does the Bible say about it? And, what can you say to someone who is stuck in an abusive situation? The reality is, you know someone. 1 in 3 women have been on the receiving end of abusive behavior. Pastor Frank Italiano, who has had extensive experience dealing with domestic abuse will lead this class along with Monica, one of his members who has escaped an abusive marriage of almost 20 years.

The class is for someone who wants to know what to say and do for their friend who is caught in an abusive relationship. It is for women who may currently be part of an abusive relationship, and for those who have gotten out of one. It is for pastors who want to learn more. It is open to all. Because of the topic, it will include "mature" content.

Each lesson is 90 minutes long and uses video interviews of WELS members who have survived domestic abuse. The class will only be online through Zoom. We will meet Sundays, September 15 to October 20 from 6:30—8:00 PM (Central). To register for the class go to <https://trinitycrete.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/234/responses/new>

Topics covered are:

- Lesson 1—Physical Abuse
- Lesson 2—Sexual Abuse
- Lesson 3—Spiritual Abuse
- Lesson 4—Intimidation, emotional abuse, isolation
- Lesson 5—Minimizing, using children
- Lesson 6—Will he change? Economic abuse, Gaslighting

Also, here is a video promo for the class -

<https://youtu.be/YtEaxfKBNxc>

I've attended in the past and can share information with anyone who has questions and will keep it confidential.

Brad Price

Central Africa Medical Mission

This far the Lord has brought us

The Lutheran Mission Rural Health Centre-Mwembezi has come a long way since it began in 1961 and I can indeed say this far the Lord has brought us. The Clinic that started as a drug dispensary is today one of the Zambia mission's success stories, not by human efforts but, by God alone. One of the many positive changes that has happened over the years has been the extent to which the Government has recognized the Lutheran Church in Zambia through the clinic.

The recognition of the health centre is attributed to the members of staff who have put in their best effort in the delivery of the health care in the Shibuyunji District. The big motivation comes from serving Christ our Savior. The Central Africa Medical Mission, through its leadership (CAMMc) and its supporters, provides the means that enable success such as salaries, medications, maintenance and everything that requires monetary help for the facility. In the past five years, the clinic has seen a face lift in many areas of the centre and uplifted the status of Lumano village. The clinic leadership appreciates the Field Director's regular visits. The article cannot be complete without mentioning our supporters who have generously given the finances, material help and for some, even coming to visit the clinic. Every donation, in all forms is appreciated, even baby blankets, hats and clothes which are given to newborns and act as a motivation for expecting mothers to come and deliver at the facility.

Go to camm.us/newsletter/august2024 to read the full article.

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