

## The South Wisconsin Deaf Lutheran Newsletter <br> Vol. 26 No. 1 January/February 2006 HOLDING HANDS

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Isaiah 61:1
"The Spirit of the Lord and King is on me.
The Lord has anointed me to tell the good news to poor people. He has sent me to comfort those whose hearts have been broken. He has sent me to announce freedom for those who have been captured. He wants me to set prisoners free from their dark prisons. "

This is a happy verse for the New Year!
Who is this verse talking about? YOU!
Yes, YOU!
You are the one.
Because you are already Baptized, God has given His Holy Spirit to you.
He anointed you - God poured out His blessings on you.
You are now a sweet smell to God - you are holy in God's eyes.
Maybe people see this verse and think it is physical.
They think poor $=$ no money, broken $=$ physical heart, captured $=$ police jail.
NO!
God is talking about Spirit.
Poor $=$ spirit - we announce the Gospel to people who are weak in faith.
People do not see themselves rich in God's grace and mercy.
Everyday, we can share the blessings God gives in His Word.
Broken = heart/soul - this is the broken heart of sin.
We are depressed, alone, in pain.
God heals us with His love. He promises continue with me ALWAYS!
Captured and in prison = sin, death, and the devil
Many people only see they are stuck in fear, worry and have no purpose.
They do not see God's gift - FREEDOM.
God loves and forgives you and me. He wants everyone to believe. This is the happy announcement God gives you.
Share His Joy, share His Love.
Give your friends and family the GREATEST Blessing this year.
Show them they are RICH! HEAL their broken hearts!
Give them His FREEDOM from sin, death, and the devil.
Help them see Jesus! I ask His Holy Spirit to guide you!
Pastor Reinke

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## Dawn Polzin, Reporter

Our Church got an early Christmas gift. It is a new Church sign! It looks so nice. Thanks to Shirley Frazier and her Building Committee for their effort to get us a new sign. It is on the corner of Dairy Dr and Blazing Star Dr.
Congratulations to David Buntin and M/M Alex Rubiano on their condos. David is excited because it was his first home to own. Alex and Darlene love their new place. God blesses their new home sweet home.
Phippy Nichols and Donna Schultz were home from the hospital recently. Pray for their comfort and strength before holiday comes.
Joan Schenck threw a surprise 80th birthday party for her husband Richard. It was a private party only for their families together at our Church. Lunch was served. We ask God to continue bless Richard so he can continue to enjoy many more years to come.
Gavin Peeks, son of Jason/Sarah Peeks was baptized last November 20th. His Godparents are Laura Edwards of Cincinnati, Ohio; former WSD ('85) alumni; and Jason's brother. May God bless Gavin as he continues to grow in his faith,
In the last issue, there was an article about the mission trip to Jamaica. Our trip has been postponed until next November 2006 (or after hurricane season is over). However money may be sent to Deaf Lutheran Mission Society, P.O Box 1795, Janesville, WI 53546. (All donations are tax deductible)
We have a new hour for Sunday school starting from 830 am to 930 am for all ages.
Last November 3rd, Pastor Reinke and Pastor Tom Phillips from Jacksonville, Ill hosted Fall Retreat at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Delavan.. The themes were "Heaven to Hell, Where is Heaven, What is in Heaven? What is in Hell? And Can we talk to dead people?" Twenty five people attended the retreat. We will have one
again in the spring. THANK YOU PASTOR REINKE AND PASTOR TOM FOR YOUR TIME WITH US!
We had a surprise party for Eva Schrank who became 90 at Larson House last Nov 2nd. She was surprised to see her old friends. The cake was delicious! Thanks to George Evans and Anita Jascor for arranging and ordering cake, Another surprise birthday for Eva took place at the church on Nov 6. Thanks to RoseMarie Martin for bringing Eva to the church for making it possible for her to share her special day with friends..

There was another French Toast/Pancake Breakfast again last Nov 12th. We raised money to help pay for our church insurance. Thanks to anyone who came and supported. Right before we started making breakfast, we saw 5 deer running across the church grounds. Are those deer deaf??
Our annual Secret Pal Christmas event took place at a restaurant called Bourbon Grille on Dec 4th. Thirty 529 ladies were on hand for gift exchange. The food was good and the program was nice. The committee worked hard to make this a success.
Shirley and Lee Frazier became grandparents again on November 8 and now they have three grandsons. The name of the baby is Riley Frazier Schellpfeffer
Pls note: There was an error in Nov/Dec issue.regarding the playground set. .Lola Horgen donated the money for the new playground in memory of Robert Horgen, not Royal.

## Events for 2006

-Jan 11 - Pastor leaves for Ghana
-March (no date has been set) Pastor leaves for India
-April 2nd - Wild Game Feed
-April 9th - Palm Sunday in Delavan with potluck


## Milwaukee News:

Emmanuel's Worship: Every Sunday 9:45 AM (Summertime 8:45 AM)! 2306 S . 98th St. West Allis, WI 53227 (Corner of Lincoln \& S. 98th St).

Emmanuel's Sign Choir- Thursday 5:30-6:30 PM. Please contact Pastor Palmer if you are interested. *Suspended until January.

Emmanuel's Thursday Evening Spiritual Growth Class- 6:30-7:30 PM Please contact Pastor Palmer if you are interested. *Suspended until January.

Emmanuel's Friday AM Bible Class- Check with Pastor Palmer first. Every Friday at 9:30 AM at the church...If you are interested in increasing your Bible knowledge, please come and join us! Also, check church monthly calendar and weather before coming the first time.
D.I.T.- DEAF INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY- if interested in learning more about God's kingdom contact Pastor Palmer or Reinke

## Emmanuel Prayers:

Ken Krueger- who was hospitalized and is now at home doing better.
Virginia Baumann- who fell down but is alright and now recovering.

## Emmanuel Special News:



Emmanuel's Members Happy Birthday December to January 2005-06: (If you want your birthday reported please send info to Emmanuel Church)


## VICTORIA WEGLEITNER, REPORTER

Finally the Year Of 2006 will be here real soon. The events at our church will be chili dinner on Saturday, February 18th, 2006, and chicken dinner on March 18th, 2006. We changed our dates from 1st week of each month to 3rd week of month from now on.

Congratulations for Eric and Melissa Hameister. They will expect another baby due around March. Another couple, Alex and Cari Wimer are expecting another baby around April too.

Our LWML group went to The Abbey Resort in Fontana, WI on October $21 \& 22$. Women including me, were Sandy Schultz, Pat Hycnar, Linda Zoiss, Loreena Stennes, and Joy Wagner and her daughter. Many thanks to Illinois church that is close to us, decided to give money for charity. The church gave $\$ 5,000$ to Pastor Reinke for his mission work in Ghana, Africa and another $\$ 5,000$ for him to go to India for mission work.. Also LWML gave $\$ 5,000$ to deaf missions work too.

On Wednesdays, about 4 adults in morning and about 8 adults in evening attend $\mathrm{Bi}-$ ble class. 10 WSD younger children come to our church for Bible classes and there also are many more older students coming. WOW!

At this time of publishing, the Drymalski family and foreign exchange student who is staying with them have gone to Florida for Christmas holidays.. No doubt they are enjoying their vacation..

Our women's group meets at one of ladies' homes and at Mount Calvary Lutheran in Janesville, WI. On January 5th, we meet together at Monica Mancl's house, in February, at my (Victoria's) house, in March at Pastor Reinke's house.


The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone."...Genesis 2:18
For your Valentine day, make a date with your spouse, it can be something as simple as going out for a movie or an ice cream cone. Spending a few minutes alone will make your day.

Bible Study: From Book, "Church and Ministry" by Dr. CFW Walther

Thesis IX (9) To obtain salvation, only fellowship in the invisible church, to which alone all the glorious promises regarding the church were originally given, is absolutely necessary.
Pastor Palmer's easier English Interpretation- (If you want to be saved? A person must fellowship in the holy people of God [we cannot see who is holy- They are invisible]. Jesus gives this church people his glory promises. $100 \%$ membership in this group is a must to go to heaven.
Romans 3:28- We conclude that a person has God's approval because of faith, not because of his own efforts. [faith is a gift]
Acts 4:12- No one else can save us. Indeed, we can be saved only by the power of the one named Jesus and not by any other person.

Outside of Christ there is no salvation! The person, who doesn't have the church as a mother, doesn't have God for his/her Father. The person who doesn't have fellowship with believers and saints also has no fellowship with Christ. The person who fellowships with believers or saints has fellowship with Christ because Christ is with them.
Matthew 18:20- Where two or three have come together in my name, I am there among them."

If a person doesn't want to meet with church people and share God's promises of forgiveness and love, then the person really wants no part of God's son, Jesus. Avoiding and refusing to listen to God's word is to refuse God himself.

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Romans 10:13-17- ${ }^{14}$ But how can people pray to him if they have not believed in him? How can they believe in him if they have not heard his message? How can they hear if no one tells \the Good News】? ${ }^{15}$ How can people tell the Good News if no one sends them? As Scripture says, "How beautiful are the feet of the messengers who announce the Good News." "But not everyone has believed the Good News.
Isaiah asks, "Lord, who has believed our message?" ${ }^{17}$ So faith comes from hearing the message, and the message that is heard is what Christ spoke.
John 13:20-"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."
So we should be fellowshipping together and also sending people to speak the truth of Jesus we can be saved by His name.
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Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are: help us to spend them as we should.
——Psalm 90:12

The Deaf Ministry Committee appreciates your generosity Thank you very much God Bless You

November-December Eleanor Collins, Helen Dalton, Alice Donoghue, Lucille Hurlbut, Kathleen \& Thomas Lutzke, Marianne Meagher, Leonard \& Ruth Peacock, Jacqueline D. Teske, Gladys L. Schill

Message from the editor
I was reading a book "Make your Day Count" by Lindsay Roberts and friends when I hit a good article on establishing your priorities written by Sharon Daugherty.

For New Year resolution, perhaps we should set aside some time today to seek God, pray, and read His Word. Even if it is only 10 or 15 minutes, any time you give God will help to fill your up, so you can effectively deal with the challenges of your day.

I am very concerned about the possible cutbacks by the South
 Wisconsin District, as there are 27 missions that will be considered for some changes, cutbacks, closings. Unfortunately one of them may be the deaf Ministries We, the deaf Lutherans need to be prepared and we also must show our support by letting the SWD know about our concerns. We need to pray and help support the SWD missions.

Blessings
Deloris


Date: Fri, 2 Dec 2005 10:59:52-0800 (PST)
From: Matthew Nix
Subject: some thoughts
To: John Reinke


Well, I've been back in the states for a month and have been asked to write up some of my thoughts about the trip. I have to admit this has been a hard letter to compose. I have visited with many people since I have returned and have found that most of them have one of two misconceptions. They either see Africa as a beautiful wilderness as pictured in the Tarzan movies and Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom or they see it as completely poor and dirty as in the feed the children adds. The truth lies someplace in between these two extremes.

I have to admit the task of teaching was quite refreshing. Do not misunderstand me, I enjoy teaching in South Dakota, but this was different. This was classes all day and into the evening with people who were eager to be there. Not only were they eager to be there for the official classes, but they wanted to discuss Scripture during brakes and after the classes were officially done. These people had a desire to learn and an understanding of the importance to share the good news of Jesus that you just don't see on a regular basis here in the states. They seem not to take things for granted. Maybe we, in the states, have become too comfortable in our lives and our faith?

It was interesting watching Rev. Palmer take the lead for the first time. As with any transfer of power there were some challenges, yet, in the end we had accomplished everything that needed to get done we had a safe trip. Rev. Reinke and Rev. Palmer are making some important changes in the way that work is being done. Not only are they working at training the deaf to become pastors for the deaf, they are also trying to make sure this work will continue when they are no longer able to do it on their own. They are trying to make this a work of many, not of two. Do they have challenges ahead before everything runs smoothly? Yes, but I thank God that they are accepting those challenges in an attempt to assure that the life giving message of Jesus might be shared throughout the world.

I have never had a great desire to be a world traveler, and that stands true to this day. Having said that, I enjoyed my time in Ghana immensely, the classes were, as I said before, refreshing and fun. The sights were both beautiful and heart wrenching. I am eternally thankful for this opportunity to share God's message of salvation and if opportunity, time, finances and my wife's blessings should ever all come about in the future I would joyfully do it again in Ghana or wherever the Lord would lead.

May you enjoy this Advent season and have a blessed Christmas as you cherish the gift of the holy Son of God.

In Christ
Pastor Nix


Holding Hands Prayers By Loreena Stennes

May the Lord continue to bless the Peeks family (Deerfield), as Gavin was born on Oct 24. Baptism for Gavin took place on Nov 20.

We are to continue praying for Deaf Mission Team even though the team has postponed their mission work in Jamaica till February if things go well..

May God give strength h to Dick Barth (Madison), Eva Schrank (Columbus), Sue Lindbergh (Madison), Jack Hathway \& Sue Kolda (Stoughton) and Miles Voss (DeForest) and help them to grow strong in their faith. Jeff and Jackie Irvin need our prayers and support and they are struggling with problems at home.

We ask our Father to take care of Rev. Reinke, Linda Zois, Karen Hale and Jean Nielson while they work with in their mission work with deaf people in Ghana in January, (January 11-25) and also they have a safe trip to Ghana and also return trip to the US. Their families back home need to be blessed, too so pray for them.

Lee \& Shirley Frazier are proud grandparents because their daughter, Becky gave birth to a son named Riley Frazier Schell pfeffer who was born on Nov 8. May God bless this child and his parents.

Pray for peace in the Iraq war.
Pray for non-members and members who are not attending church, Please let Christ come into their hearts and let them continue their faith and strength...

May the Lord continue healing Donna Schultz and Phippy Nichols after they came home from the hospital. Marilyn Roby needs our prayers when she go to the hospital for heart examination and she may have surgery.

We ask our Lord to give the South Wisconsin District wisdom when they have to make decisions regarding cutbacks among 27 missions

These three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love
--Corinthians 13:13
Whether you know someone with a serious health concern Or you see someone who is just having a rough day,

Take the opportunity to express your love today
"Love and Healing" by Dee Simmons

