



NORTHDALE NEWS

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Dear friends in our Savior,

Sixty years. That’s a long time. Something very special happened on July 10, 1957. After two years of work, Mt. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized and adopted a constitution. So what? You don’t recognize the name, Mt. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church? That’s us! This was the name our church was organized under 60 years ago this month. Our name was changed to Northdale Lutheran Church in 1983 when the church moved from its original location on Kirby Street in Tampa to our current location. This means that this month we are celebrating our 60th anniversary of God’s grace.

When our birthday comes around each year, we might wonder why it is that we keep track of years and celebrate the numbers getting larger. An anniversary like this helps us to understand why we do that—to celebrate God’s goodness and grace. What an awesome God that he would use men and women many of us never knew to organize a congregation where we can gather to hear God’s Word today. What a wonderful God that he would send faithful pastors who shepherded this flock in the truth of His Word all these years so that we can gather in the truth of that Word still today. What a faithful God that he would use the work and service and resources of his people to reach out to us so that we would know the joy of his love and the certainty of the salvation which he offers to us. God blessed the efforts of faithful people to establish a school where we can educate our own children and through which we can reach out into our community. He has brought us into a fellowship with one another where we can carry each other’s burdens, support one another through good and bad times, and with whom we can work together to carry out the work of God’s kingdom.

What blessings God in his grace has chosen to bestow on us! How can we possibly thank him? First of all, we do well to just stop and say thanks. It is important for us to recognize these blessings and say thank you. Another way for us to say thanks is to set ourselves to the task of God’s work. We now have the opportunity to do for those who come after us what those who came before did for us. The gift of thanks we give to our heavenly Father is carrying out the work God gave us to do—which is spreading the Word of Jesus and making disciples for him. God has not only graciously given us a place where we can learn of him, but he has given each one of us gifts, talents and resources that we can use in service to him. The best way we say thanks for all of these gifts is to use them to the fullest in service to him.

This coming year, we are going to be rolling out a number of new ministry teams. These teams will help to enhance our ministry and better serve those whom God has given us to serve. They also give many more people the chance to use their gifts to serve God. In fact, for us to fully function in a way that serves people and makes the most of what God has given us, it will take the work of every one of us. But what a great way for us to say thanks to God for his grace and goodness.

The Apostle Paul said it so well, *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.”* (Romans 12:1) In view of God’s grace, mercy and love for 60 years of grace, let’s display our thanks by banding together to be about the work God has given us. Pastor Vannieuwenhoven

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Giving Sacrificially

A husband and wife who were traveling around the world saw a boy in Korea one day pulling a plow in a field, while an old man held the plow handles and directed it through the rice paddy. The husband was amused by the sight and took a snapshot of the scene. "That's very curious," he remarked to the missionary who was their interpreter and guide. "I suppose they are poor."

"Yes," said the missionary. "That is the family of Chi Noui. When the church was built, they were to give something to it, but they had no money, so they sold the only ox they had and gave the to the church. This spring they are pulling the plow themselves."

The husband and wife were silent. Then the wife said, "That was a real sacrifice."

"They did not call it that," said the missionary. "They thought it was fortunate they had an ox to sell."

The two tourists did not have much to say, but when they reached home, they took the photograph to their church and told their pastor about the incident. "We want to double our pledge to the church," they said, "and give us some plow work to do. We never knew what gratitude or joy or sacrifice really meant until now."

Through their experience in Korea, God helped this couple see the joy that comes from giving. In his Word, God speaks to all of us about the importance of giving. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). He also said, "Freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8). If we choose not to give faithfully and generously, we forego the blessings that God gives to those who give cheerfully. There is no better time than now to examine your level of giving, and, if need be, to take a leap of faith and increase your giving.



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MISSIONS HIGHLIGHT—

Starting Something New in Williston, ND

The City of Williston—the Western Star of North Dakota—is located near the confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers near the site where Lewis and Clark reunited on their way back to St. Louis. Williston is the hub of a trade area which extends west 18 miles into Montana and north 60 miles into Canada.

Williston most recently has been known as being the center of a major oil boom going on in North Dakota. It was this "boom" that brought many people here looking for jobs. As workers and their families started coming in so did members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The members who have come are energetic and love their Lord. In an attempt to find a church home many of them traveled 93 miles to the west to join the members of Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church in Wolf Point, MT.

As more and more members moved into Williston permanently the need for a church in Williston became more apparent. The Pastor in Terry, MT, being the closest WELS' pastor (150 miles), was asked to come and serve the members in Williston two times per month. Since the minister in Terry serves three congregations in Montana, the group has been worshiping and meeting for Bible Class on Mondays in the evening.

Not to let those visits be the only contact with God's Word these members also meet for Sunday worship in a conference room at the Microtel Hotel. Services are streamed online from Redeemer Lutheran in Mandan, ND. Right now, there are about 21 WELS' members (8 family groups) being served by Pastor Hanneman in Williston.

Therefore, it is the need of a more regular pastoral presence: to care for our members, to offer a more regular worship schedule, and more consistent opportunities for outreach, this group sees the great need for calling a pastor and building a church in Williston by God's grace.

Our group in Williston, Lamb of God Lutheran Church, has been trying to get help in calling a full-time pastor to serve and lead them in their mission to spread God's Word. First, the mission board wants to develop the field by calling a semi-retired pastor to serve the area for six months, equipping the members, and collecting contacts.

As with all mission work, the work never goes as fast as one would like. We all would love another "Pentecost" experience where 3,000 members are added after one sermon. Instead, mission work is one soul at a time and often times progress is made after many failed attempts.

But, what a joy it is to be serving the Lord in this great work by making disciples of all nations. We have the great pleasure in being Christ's ambassadors in everything we do in life for we are in a constant state of worship as everything we do, we do for the glory of God.

The Lord will bless this work for he is the one working through the word and sacraments to change hearts from hearts of stone to believing hearts of flesh. May it always be our joy to share God's word in our individual mission fields. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

By: Rev. Jacob Hanneman

MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM

The following are highlights from the Ministry Leadership Team meeting on June 26, 2017:

- The meeting began by a devotion by Pastor Vann
- The following were no membership actions reported or approved:
 - Transfer out –John and Katie Kallestad to Peace Lutheran Church in Trinity, FL.
 - This leaves our Total Membership at 213 with Communicant membership at 159.
- Mark Thiesfeldt provided the update for the School Ministry Board. We are currently at 55 enrolled for next year but Mark said he has another 8 that say they are planning on enrolling. Mark is not comfortable with where we are at with 55 but he is encouraged that the other 8 will be enrolled. The school board has not actually met for a while due to schedule conflicts. Teachers have mostly done their vacations. Chris Haring is gone currently and Mark will be gone the week prior to VBS. Mark is working on updating the church and school websites again. Our current template is not mobile friendly so he will be working with other templates. Mark is in 2 classes this summer that are keeping him very busy but he said these are his last 2 classes. Once he's done with them, he has to take a test and hopes to walk in May with graduation for his Master's Degree. Mark also in discussion with the school board has proposed to the MLT to have a school checkbook. There are ancillary charges (field trips, lunches, uniforms, etc.) that create an increased workload on finances. He will discuss more with the school board and update the MLT further next week.
- Steve Ward reported that the 4th of July parade in Lutz is closing fast. VBS has about 70 registered at this point. Pastor expects to be in the 85-100 range for final attendance. A high majority of the enrollees are in the K-1st grade range.
- Chris Teeples reported Attendance has been good lately, especially given summer vacations. There is a slight change to the usher schedules that Chris provided to the MLT. Pastor will update the bulletins.
- Rick distributed the financial report for both May & June. May summary showed total income of \$56,605 and expenses of \$45,895 showing a positive of \$10,710 (large contributions from Step-up & McKay). YTD income was \$510,558 and expenses were \$519,784, showing a net loss of \$9,225. YTD for June income will be about \$528K and total expenses are about \$561K so that shows a net loss of about \$33K loss. We are under our annual budget of \$566K by about \$5K. Motion made by Steve Ward to cut Jean Roate a check for \$500 from the After School Monitoring dedicated fund as a result of the extra hours she put in this year for the after care program, motion carried.
- Steve reported for the Building Committee. He mentioned that Massaman is no longer interested in participating in the project. We are looking for more contractors (design/build). Dave & Mike are helping Steve with the list of contractors that we will ask to submit bids. Decision will be made as to who will do the final drawings. Church Extension Fund unfortunately reported that they have no funds available so that leaves Thrivent as our last option in addition to outside funding. Steve is looking for approval from the MLT to allow Dana to move forward with Thrivent. The first cost commitment is selecting a firm to update the drawings so they're ready for bidding and permitting. Steve's hope is to have 3 competing bids. He said that some of these companies will absorb the design cost if they get awarded the project. We have 2 names so far so Steve would like one more contractor.
- We want to host a screening of the Luther Movie: A Return to Grace.—AMC Veterans is theater closest to us that would host it. It's a matter of picking a day & time that works for us. We can't host on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday so Friday, Sept, 8 doesn't work. We need to pick a different date. We chose Wednesday, Sept 6th at 6:30pm.
- We are still looking for names for Treasurer. David recommended Eric Ashley as a possibility. Pastor will put an announcement in the newsletter that we are searching for a member to volunteer for this role. In the interim, Rick will be applying for the line of credit account as well as transferring the funds from the emergency use account to cover our current balances.
- The MLT discussed Pastor Vann's Call to Vail/Benson, AZ. Pastor will be holding an open forum on Sunday, July 9.
- The next Leadership Team meeting scheduled for July 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
- The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.



Pastor Vann Holds Call

Pastor Vann has been extended a call by Grace Lutheran Church of Southern Arizona to serve as the lead mission pastor at Vail and also to serve the saints in Benson. Pastor plans to spent the next few weeks talking with many people about the call to Vail and Benson as well as our ministry here. He will be hold an Open Forum during the Bible Class hour on Sunday, July 9 to discuss the call to AZ and the ministry here in Tampa. This will be an important discussion and you are encouraged to join us for that discussion. Some of you have already offered your thoughts and input. Thank you

for that. Your prayers are also appreciated. If you have any thoughts to share, Pastor welcomes them from you.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

We will once again be participating in the Fourth of July Parade in Lutz on July 4th. This is a great way for us to get out into our community and share information about our church and school with our neighbors. We invite everyone, especially families with young kids, to join us for this event. The parade starts at 10 a.m. and lasts only an hour.



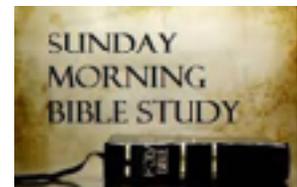
Camp South



Camp South is a Youth Camp run by our South Atlantic District Commission on Youth. It is held in Covington, GA each year and is open to all students going into grades 4-8. We have 15 people going from our church/school this year. Pastor Vann, Chris Haring and Brian Busch will be going as chaperones for the trip. It will be held July 24-28. This year there will be over 400 campers! It is a great time for the kids and a wonderful opportunity for them to join in fellowship with their fellow WELS members throughout the District.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

We are currently studying the book of Luke in our Sunday morning Bible Class. We'd love to have you join us for this study. We meet at 9:25 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Electronic Giving Options

You can now stop writing checks for your offerings and do all your giving to Northdale Lutheran online. We are using called 'Pushpay', which allows for simple giving through a variety of ways, including mobile and online. Pushpay currently accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover, as well as ACH (bank account) gifts! To get started, you can use one of the 3 following options:

Visit our website at www.northdalelutheran.org and click on the 'Give' link at the top menu.

Text NORTHDALE to 77977

Visit our e-giving website directly at <https://pushpay.com/pay/northdalelutheran>

If you have any questions, please direct them to contact JeffBerg at (727) 534-1679 or jeffrey.berg@floridamoves.com. We're excited about this easy way to give, and think you'll love it too!

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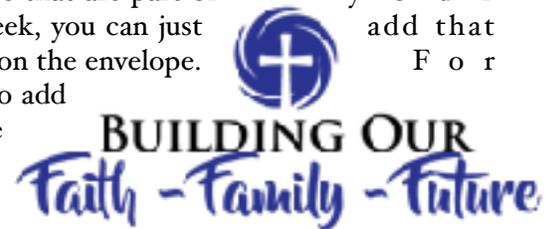
CABA Golf Outing to Support Northdale Lutheran



We found out in April that the Carrollwood Area Business Association (CABA) has chosen Northdale Lutheran to be the recipients of the proceeds from their charity golf outing this year. We are very excited about this! This outing will be held at the Westchase Golf Club on Friday November 3. This choice to support Northdale Lutheran is really more of a partnership. We have agreed to help in the planning, preparation and carrying out of this golf outing. We are looking to put together a list of volunteers to help in this endeavor. You don't have to be a golfer to participate. Here are a few things we will be looking for people to help with: recruiting golfers, requesting and gathering donations from area businesses and attractions for the raffle and silent auction items, making phone calls, recruit sponsors, stuff goodie bags, day of event volunteering, etc. If you are interested in helping in some way, please talk with either Pastor or Jessica Kingsborough.

How do I Give the Money I Promised for the Building Project?

This question has been asked a few times already, so I thought it good to pass along the information. You can do it a couple of different ways. You can use the envelopes that were with the packet you received at the group presentations. You can use the specially marked "Building Fund" envelopes that are part of your regular envelope packed. Or, especially if you are giving a little each week, you can just add that amount to your regular offering and make note of either on your check or on the envelope. For instance, if you normally give \$100 weekly in offering and you promised to add \$25/week for the building fund, you can write a check for \$125 and just note that \$100 is for General offering and \$25 is for the Building Fund. You can also use the electronic giving option through our website. If you have questions about this, please don't hesitate to ask.



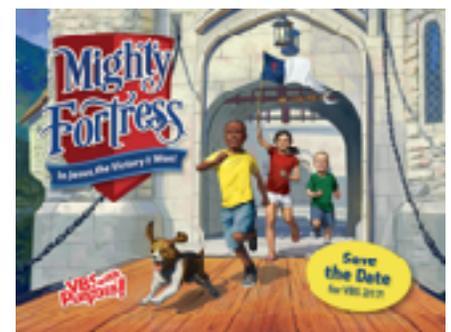
Please note: if you are looking to give a larger gift/offering to Northdale Lutheran, we encourage you to give it in a check through the offering plate rather than through our electronic giving option. We are charged a percentage of each gift that is given and that would be a more significant number with a larger gift. Thank you for considering this.

Still Looking for a Treasurer

After our elections meeting last Sunday, we are still seeking a man to serve as Treasurer for our congregation. If you are interested in the position or know of someone who would serve well in that position, please speak to our president, Dave Hartwig, or any of the other members of our Ministry Leadership Team.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Vacation Bible School will be held July 17-21, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon. This is a great morning of fun for the children. There will be Bible lessons, a Bible Passage challenge, music, and crafts that the children will enjoy. the price is \$25/child if you register online prior to VBS or \$30 if you register the first day of VBS. If you (or someone you know) are looking to register for VBS, you can do so at our church website: www.northdalelutheran.org. Please don't hesitate to ask with any questions. We are glad to help however we can.



Northdale Lutheran Church & School

New Ministry Teams

In an effort to better serve God's people here at Northdale and involve more people in the ministry, this next month we will be rolling out new ministry teams. We hope to start a new meeting schedule this fall that will help these teams to organize their work and carry out the tasks before them. We are asking each member of Northdale Lutheran to consider what gifts, abilities and interests God has granted to you to see if there is a place where you could serve. We will be talking about more of this in the next few months. Please start looking through this to see where you might consider serving.

♣ Member Care Team

The Member Care Team will work with the pastor under the oversight of the Church Ministry Elder to ministry to the spiritual needs of the members of our congregation. This team will give members the privilege and opportunity to care for one another through the difficult challenges of life. They will seek to bring healing to those who hurt, encouragement to those who despair, physical help to those who are sick and friendship to those who are lonely. They will carry out their work by visiting those who are shut-in and can't get to worship, those who are sick and hospitalized, those who have been absent from worship for a period of time and offering support for those who are experiencing challenges or problems in their lives, those who have recently added a baby to their family and those who have recently lost a loved one.

♣ New Member Welcome Team

The New Member Welcome Team will design and manage a process of welcoming and orienting new members to our congregation and help them to assimilate into the ministry of our congregation. This team will give our members the privilege and opportunity to make our new members feel welcomed and appreciated as well as help them to plug into a ministry where they can use their time and talents to serve others. They will carry out their work by developing materials they can use to help new members orient to our congregation as well as to help them learn about the different ministries, meeting with new members to share the materials and identify the ministries where they have desires and talents to serve, and then connecting the new members with the leaders of the ministries so that they can begin serving.

♣ Youth Ministry Team

The Youth Ministry Team will oversee and carry out all the ministry to the youth of our congregation (with the exception being our Lutheran Elementary School). This will include Sunday School, Teen Ministry, and any other programs that can be started to serve and enrich the youth of our congregation. They will develop a program of spiritual growth, service, and fellowship for teens. They will help to promote participation in Teen Bible Class, WELS Youth Rallies, South Atlantic District Rallies, Camp South and Sunday School. They will work to plan fellowship and service activities for our youth to get to know one another better and serve others in our congregation and community.

♣ Land and Facilities Team

This team will work with the Land and Facilities Elder to oversee all the properties and buildings of the congregation. They will help him to take care of the repair and upkeep of all the land and facilities owned by the congregation and ensure the regular maintenance and cleaning of the buildings. They will also help him to oversee any new construction, remodeling or any capital projects undertaken by the congregation and to propose new projects to the congregation to provide the facilities that will facilitate the ministry of the congregation. The Land and Facilities Elder will be the chairman of this team and will lead all meetings.

♣ Worship Team

This team will work with the pastor under the oversight of the Church Ministry Elder to plan and carry out all our worship services. They will promote the enhancement of worship services and pursue appropriate variety in worship styles. They will make recommendations to the Ministry Leadership Team for service times, special services, and any other ways that our worship may be enhanced. They will help to select music and coordinate singing groups that will enhance our worship of our Savior and edify God's people with His Word.

♣ Stewardship Promotions Team

The Stewardship Promotions Team will work under the oversight of the Church Ministry Elder to lead God's people in being good stewards of the time, talents and treasures God has given them. Motivated by God's grace, they will work with the pastor to provide regular stewardship training for our members. They will regularly promote different projects or parts of the budget to make members aware of the needs before us. They will organize efforts to assist members in their desire to remember the Lord's work (local and synodical) in their estate planning and make available to members financial management seminars and materials (e.g. Financial Peace University and Heart in Focus).

♣ Fellowship Team

This team will plan and carry out frequent opportunities for members to meet each other, make friends, and enjoy common interests. They will encourage members to look for opportunities to fellowship with other members.

♣ Financial Advice Team

This team will meet regularly with the Treasurer to advise him in making decisions about the finances of the congregation.

♣ Community Outreach Team

The responsibility of this team is to look for ways that we can help others in our community. Since we know God's love for us in Jesus, we are compelled in Christian love to look for ways that we can help others around us. Motivated in thanks for all that God has done for us, the responsibility of this team is to look for opportunities in our community where the members of our congregation can use their time, talents, and treasures to meet the physical needs of others in our community. Our goal in doing this is not only to meet a need, but more importantly to have the opportunity to share with them the Gospel of Jesus to meet their spiritual needs as well.



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to your teachers.

to your youth.

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

We are continuing to work hard at developing our prospects into new enrollments for the school. Currently our enrollment stands at 55 students for 17-18, however we have another 8 students whose parents have expressed intent to enroll, and another 6 who are very positive leads. Continue to pray that God will lead these and more families to see the importance of the Christian education we provide at Northdale. We expect to have more solid numbers to share next month!

SCHOOL YEAR PREPARATION STEPS

The annual school registration process is once again available online through TADS. This is a great system that allows everyone to complete the registration steps at their convenience. Families that haven't completed the enrollment step yet are reminded to do so as soon as possible. Once enrollment is complete, then we proceed to the tuition agreement, also completed through TADS. Tuition agreements must be established by August 1st. They will be sent out by July 15th. All returning families must be current with past year's payments. Teachers will be making home visits to all families new to their classrooms in late July or early August. Sign up for home visits will take place via email. The final step before school starts is orientation. We will be holding parent orientation on Thursday, August 10th at 7:00pm OR Monday, August 14th after dismissal at 12:00pm (noon). All families must attend. We prefer that you attend the Thursday orientation, but the Monday session is there as a back-up for those who can't make it.

WEBSITE REDESIGN

The Northdale Lutheran School website has just gotten a makeover! In a world that relies on websites as their first exposure to those seeking information, it's important to make sure the information is easy to find, as well as useful to prospects and current families. Most notably, the website is more user friendly for those using mobile browsers. If anyone has suggestions for further improvements, please let Mr. Thiesfeldt know.

FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM

At this time of year we often find that there are families who view finances and/or transportation as obstacles to attending NLS. The goal of the Family Support Team is to eliminate those obstacles by contributing to the Tuition Assistance Fund or providing transportation assistance for a school family. As God has blessed you, please consider supporting our school ministry in this way. Your support could make such a difference in the lives of young Christians! Please contact Mr. Thiesfeldt if you would like to help.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Thank you again to everyone for the amazing support for our growing school ministry. The additional classrooms and new parking lot will be great blessings. Plans are progressing for the completion of the building project by the start of the 18-19 school year. God be praised!

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**Sunday Worship: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Communion Services: First and Third Sundays of the month
Sunday School & Teen Bible Class: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. (September through May)
Sunday Bible Class: 9:25-10:15 a.m.
Fellowship: 11:30 p.m.
School hours: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. M-F**