# The Messenger



The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



# September 25

God's People Gather Sunday is this month! We are so excited to gather together again as a church family. The pandemic made us realize how God blesses us when we gather, and how much we miss it when we can't.

On Sunday, September 25, we are going to celebrate as a church family and praise God in a very special way as we re-gather after time apart.

We have a special worship planned this weekend – Pastor Zuberbier will be preaching, our choirs will be singing and some time for food and fellowship is planned after each service.

### What can you do?

- Pray for God to bless our gathering on celebration Sunday.
- Personally invite others to celebration Sunday. It could be fellow members that you miss worshiping and serving with. It could also be relatives, friends, neighbors, and co-workers—anyone who would benefit from hearing the gospel message.
- Praise God for leading us through the pandemic and giving us opportunities to gather again.

Welcome back!





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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:00 AM Worship 8:00 AM Online Worship Posted 9:15 AM Bible Study & SS 10:30 AM Worship	MAPS Testing 4:00 PM Soccer Away Randolph	Midterm 6:00 PM PATZ. Meeting	BLAC Soccer Tourn VB Home vs Holy Cross <b>6:30 PM</b> Council Meeting	CC Meet Sun Prairie 7:45 AM Sanctuary: Weckly Cleaning 6:50 PM Worship, com	Zion Parents' Day 6:00 AM Bible Breakfast	10:00 AM Fellowship Hall Reserved
25	26	27	28	29	30	
8:00 AM Junior Choir and Handchimes 8:00 AM Worship, Communion 8:00 AM Online Worship Posted 9:15 AM Fellowship Hour 10:30 AM Worship, Communion	CC Meet Lakeside 9:00 AM Sanctuary: Monthly Cleaning	9:45 AM LLHS Visit	VB Home vs St. John's, Pardeeville 9:30 AM Pastoral Staff Meeting	7:45 AM Sanctuary: Weekly Cleaning 6:30 PM Worship, com	No School Teacher Inservice 6:00 AM Bible Breakfast 6:00 PM Sanctuary Reserved Wedding Rehearsal	

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# Church Council

### **Council Names and Numbers**

D D-1-1-(( Cl:	020 210 0010
Dan Retzlaff, Chairman	920-319-0018
Matt Weidner, Vice-Chairman	920-319-6017
Nick Uebelacker, Secretary	608-225-8861
Will Penterman, Treasurer	920-750-8763
Andrew Tratar, Education	920-296-1485
Noah Litherland, Elders	608-354-5131
Nils Johansson, Outreach	608-239-5123
Aaron Larson, Property	608-220-6906
Otto Mattke, Stewardship	608-516-5279
Craig Lathrop, Family Ministry	608-770-2498

### **Our Mission**

The mission of Zion
Evangelical Lutheran Church
and School is to preach and
teach God's saving Word in
all its truth and purity.

### Get in Touch

Church/School Office

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### **USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

September 4th & September 11th

8:00am - Team E2

10:30am - Team L6

Dale Schilling (C)

Paul Kehl (C)

Dale Gajdosik

Otto Mattke (A)

Kenneth Schulz Matt Yaroch Dennis Winter

Nick Yaroch

William Mattke

Nate Yaroch

Nils Johansson

Carl Wolf

Shaun Opsahl

September 18th & September 25th

8:00am - Team E3

10:30am - Team L7

Randy Koehn (C)

Mike Vick (C)

Dan Retzlaff

Troy Kehoe (A)

Noah Litherland

Bruce Hatzinger

Steven Hahn

Take Boness

William Penterman

Bryan Peck

Brian Baney

Isaac Peck

If you have any questions about the usher schedule, would like to be added as an usher or won't be able to serve any longer as an usher, please call Randy Koehn at (920) 296-4333.

### **WORSHIP WELCOMERS**

September 4th

8:00am

10:30am

Dale & Joyce Gajdosik

John & Sarah Brey

September 11th

8:00am

10:30am

Delphine Schaefer

Nils & Lara Johansson

September 18th

8:00am

10:30am

Jeff & Melody Krakow

Aaron & Rachel Larson

September 25th

8:00am

10:30am

Kathy Harle &

Ioan Sennhenn

Laurie Kirchberg &

Pat Premo

If you are interested in being added as a greeter or need to be removed from the schedule, please contact Melody Krakow at (920) 210-6323.



# Church Attendance

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Date	Total
3	195
7/10	221
14/17	236
21/24	278
28/31	267

### Membership Changes

### Transfer In:

Sharon Bubolz - St. John's, Doylestown, WI
Daniel & Teresa Stofflet - St. John's, Doylestown, WI
Rebecca Stofflet - St. John's, Doylestown, WI
Norman & Gertrude Stilson - St. John's, Doylestown, WI
Evelyn Sekel - St. John's, Doylestown, WI
Catherine Backer - Faith, Antioch, IL
Carolyn Vertz - St. Paul's, Green Bay, WI
Andy Neuman - David's Star, Jackson, WI

### Transfer Out:

Matt & Mandy Ganser - Good News, Mt. Horeb, WI Alex & Stephanie Vandenberg and Silas, Gideon and Levi - Grace, Oshkosh, WI Joseph Grambsch - St. Peter's, Sturgeon Bay, WI

### Released:

None

### **Ministrations**

### Baptisms:

Walker John Oelke
 Born 6/14/2022; Baptized 7/31/2022
 Parents: Dexter & Dawn Oelke

### Deaths:

10. Eugene Beier Born 10/20/1939; Died 7/1/2022

### **Marriages:**

None

### **Confirmations:**

Angela Voelker - 7/17/2022 Dominic & Kellie Caminata - 7/31/2022

### **Affirmations of Faith:**

None



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### Zion Ladies Society

Our first meeting will be on Thursday, September 1, 2022, at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the congregation



are invited to attend. New members are welcome.

### Sunday School

Sunday School will be starting Sunday September 11th for children ages 3 years (by September 1) through grade 8. Parents can still register via the Zion Website or by filling out registration forms located at church. Sunday School will start at 9:15 at Zion School. Parents are then to pick up their children at school at 10:15. Teachers are looking forward to a great year.

### **Messenger Deadline**

Please submit your Messenger articles by September 23rd. Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or



suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.

	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	
INCOME				
CONTRIBUTION INCOME				
UNRESTRICTED	\$50,699.87	\$50,699.87	\$0.00	
DONOR RESTRICTED	11,930.69	11,930.69	0.00	
Subtotal Contribution Income	62,630.56	62,630.56	0.00	
Budgeted	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Non-Budgeted	62,630.56	62,630.56	0.00	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	25.00	25.00	0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	62,655.56	62,655.56	0.00	
Budgeted	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Non-Budgeted	62,655.56	62,655.56	0.00	
EXPENSES				
FIXED EXPENSES				2 pm
CALLED WORKER PAYROLL	\$29,056.51	\$29,056,51	\$30,946.50	
SUPPORT STAFF	2,382.24	2,382,24	4,167.50	
BENEFITS	10,549.62	10,549.62	18,365.75	
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	675.83	675.83	1,591.66	
BUILDING & GROUNDS	5,040.48	5,040.48	9,409.17	
Subtotal Fixed Expenses	47,704.68	47,704.68	64,480.58	
Budgeted	44,206.58	44,206.58	64,480.58	
Non-Budgeted	3,498.10	3,498.10	0.00	
DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES				
OUTSIDE SUPPORT	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,586.50	
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	375.00	375.00	333.34	
WORSHIP/MUSIC	79.67	79.67	1,020.85	
EVANGELISM/OUTREACH	0.00	0.00	541.67	
ELDERS	0.00	0.00	8.33	
STEWARDSHIP	246.26	246.26	275.00	
FAMILY MINISTRY	287.95	287.95	266,68	
Subtotal Departments/committees	9,738.88	9,738.88	11,032.37	
Budgeted	9,738.88	9,738.88	11,032.37	
Non-Budgeted	0.00	0.00	0.00	
OTHER EXPENSES				
CONVENTIONS & SEMINARS	0.00	0.00	125.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	57,443.56	57,443.56	75,637.95	
Budgeted	53,945.46	53,945.46	75,637.95	
Non-Budgeted	3,498.10	3,498.10	0.00	
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS				
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	-\$12,308.92	-\$12,308.92	\$0.00	
TOTAL TRANSFERS	-12,308.92	-12,308.92	0,00	
Budgeted	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Non-Budgeted	-12,308.92	-12,308.92	0.00	
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	-\$7,096.92	-\$7,096.92	-\$75,637.95	
	-53,945.46	-53,945.46	-75,637.95	
Budgeted	-00,940.40	-00,540.40	-10,001.00	

### Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Income and Expense Statement GENERAL FUND 01, July 2022

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	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	
Non-Budgeted	46,848.54	46,848.54	0.00	

# Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

July 2022

TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	Monthly Transactions TOTAL		3					9						Transactions	Current Balance	Monthly Transactions*	Previous Balance	Accounts		Total Current Assets	Total Transactions	Previous Month Assets
(\$27,787.00)	(\$149.96)												\$0.04 7/1 Int	(\$150.00) Joan Marks	\$596.28	(\$149.96)	\$746.24 io			\$138,947.94	-\$27,787.00	\$166,734.94
Notes: \$20,000 in N	\$0.00														\$7,497.74	\$0.00	\$7,497.74 tio					
\$20,000 in New Church/School Savings is designated for New School Building seed money.	(\$6,105.08)					0				\$1,785.46 Vanco Opt	(\$5,425.00) Mort Pmt 7/19	\$2,059.46 Vanco Opt	(\$5,425.00) Mort Pmt 7/5	\$900.00 Vanco Opt	\$77,391.35	(\$6,105.08)	\$83,496.43		Monthly Statements	\$130,853.92	New Church/School Total	
ซพ School Building seed money.	(\$21,531.96)							(\$1,130.00) Chk #2292 7/29	\$1,459.23 Deposit 7/27	\$893.08 Deposit 7/27	(\$28,490.96) Chk #2291 7/25	\$3,643.23 Deposit 7/18	\$1,314.23 Deposit 7/15	\$779.23 Deposit 7/15	\$53,462.57 xp		,994.53	NEW Church/School Checking c		checking/savings	ol Total	

# **TOGETHER**



August 16, 2022

# "God's Beautiful and Balanced Design for Male and Female" released

Biblical doctrines and principles do not change. But there are times when those doctrines and principles need to be understood clearly as new situations arise and are addressed by the church. That is certainly true when it comes to what the Bible tells us about the God-given roles of men and women and the nature of their relationship with one another.

Our synod's current doctrinal statement on the roles of men and women is called "Scriptural Principles of Man and Woman Roles." After more than a decade of work and discussion, it was adopted by the 1993 synod convention as a correct explanation of biblical truth and as our synod's formal doctrinal statement on the issue.

Since the adoption of "Scriptural Principles of Man and Woman Roles," our synod's doctrinal position has not changed; the statement still expresses biblical truth. But new questions and issues have arisen regarding the biblical roles of men and women that did not really exist in 1993. Understandably, those questions were not really addressed at the time. In addition, there have been situations in which certain elements of the current statement have been misunderstood or misapplied.

For those reasons, the Conference of Presidents (COP) determined that it would be beneficial for our synod to consider an updated restatement of the scriptural principles outlined in the 1993 document. The new statement is entitled "God's Beautiful and Balanced Design for Male and Female."

After three years of work and study, a proposed draft of that statement is now ready. The Conference of Presidents encourages you to read and discuss the statement with your church and district leaders.

Serving together with you in Christ, WELS President Mark Schroeder

Visit wels.net/doctrinal-statements to read "God's beautiful and balanced design for male and female."

# WELS again celebrates blessings in endowments program

Thanks to the generosity of God's people, WELS Foundation was blessed to distribute almost \$1.2 million to gospel ministry in July through the WELS endowment funds. These funds were established by delegates at the 2005 synod convention to provide ongoing support for the Lord's work in WELS Ministerial Education and WELS Home, Joint, and World Missions.

In addition to the WELS endowments, WELS Foundation also manages endowments that are set up by individuals, congregations, and other WELS-affiliated ministries. In total, WELS Foundation distributed \$3.8 million from more than 375 endowments this year, providing ongoing financial support for Christ's gospel work throughout WELS.

Several of the endowments managed by WELS Foundation benefit Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis., providing tuition assistance to students training to become pastors.

Seminarian Jacob Borgwardt, a member at Redeemer, Fond du Lac, Wis., shares one of the blessings of the tuition assistance he has received through endowments: "[It] helps me focus on training to be a pastor. Instead of having to work full time to pay off student loans and be a part-time student, it's the other way around. Seminarians can be full-time students, spending the majority of our time studying God's Word."

He continues: "On the spiritual side, I'll never forget something one of

my professors once said in regard to tuition assistance: The people giving generously to these endowments see the support of seminarians as a tangible way to give to the gospel. What a blessing and responsibility!"

Borgwardt extends his gratitude to those who have supported him and his wife through their financial gifts: "We thank God that he has given you such Christlike generosity. You are a help and a blessing to us and to so many of my classmates. Your gifts and prayers are extremely encouraging! Knowing that there are so many people who support us in our pastoral training makes us that much more excited to serve a church someday."

"An endowment is a great way to create a lasting legacy of Christian faith while providing for the Lord's work—like supporting our future pastors," says Mr. Jim Holm, executive director of WELS Foundation.

There are a variety of ways to give to an endowment: cash or appreciated assets; or through a will, trust, beneficiary designation on a retirement account, or insurance proceeds. To learn more about adding to an existing endowment or establishing a new endowment for a ministry close to your heart, contact your local WELS Christian giving counselors or call 800-827-5482.

# 2023 WELS VEBA open enrollment and rate updates

The WELS VEBA Commission approved a full open enrollment period this November for new coverage effective Jan. 1, 2023. All eligible workers will have the

opportunity to enroll for new coverage or make changes to their existing WELS VEBA coverage. Sponsoring organizations that do not currently participate in WELS VEBA will have the opportunity to participate by offering WELS VEBA to their eligible workers for 2023. Open enrollment materials will be mailed to eligible workers and sponsoring organizations by the end of October.

The 2023 premium rates for the WELS VEBA Group Health Care Plan will increase by 9.5% over the current 2022 rates. There are three main drivers of the increase:

- The utilization of health care services has increased as access to providers has improved during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Inflation has caused the cost of health care services and prescription drugs to increase at a faster pace than in recent previous years.
- 3. Investment returns achieved by the WELS VEBA medical trust year-to-date through June 30, 2022, are lower than expected.

"Although the 2023 increase is significant, the increase is necessary for the plan to maintain adequate projected long-term reserves and is in line with average expected increases in health insurance premiums nationwide," explains Mr. Joshua Peterman, director of WELS Benefit Plans. "It is also important to remember that over the previous four years the WELS VEBA rates increased by a total of only 4%, and

\$4.2 million in savings was passed on to participating sponsoring organizations during the August 2020 premium holiday."

Visit welsbpo.net to view the rates.

### Did you know...

WELS has a Facebook page? facebook.com/welslutherans

WELS has Instagram? instagram.com/welslutherans

Forward in Christ magazine has a Facebook page? facebook.com/ forwardinchristmagazine

Forward in Christ magazine has Instagram? instagram.com/forward\_in\_ christ\_magazine/



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# LLHS FEDERATION CONNECTION

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# POTTY MOUTH PARENTS

Sorry about the title. Here's what happened: Last weekend I was at a softball tournament. It is a well-known

end-of-season tournament in the area. As I was walking toward softball field #1, I had to walk through other softball fields, and that's when I was blind-sided by the language.

Now please, don't think that I'm a "holier than thou" parent who is walking around judging the way people talk. I've been involved in youth sports for a long time, both as a parent and as a coach. I've disagreed with referees, been frustrated at coaches and at players, and have been told to "settle down" by my wife. I think I can relate to the "average Joe" in the stands.

But what I heard crossed the line. The parent-coach was trying to teach his players, but his words were laced with profanity. The players (6th grade girls) were listening, and unfortunately, learning a bad lesson. I kept walking, and then it happened again with a different team. This time, the parent-coach was trying to relate to his players and make them laugh, but the words were "out-of-bounds"— a strange combination of profanity and joking. Ugh.

I was caught off guard because I normally don't hear these things as obviously or frequently at youth sports. It's normally more subtle. Why am I telling you about this?

Dear Lakeside parent, the fall sports season is upon us.

Now is a great opportunity to model Christian behavior to your student. You are already doing this! But can you make a commitment in your mind to do this even more this fall?

Can you do this when you disagree with the ref? This Bible passage seems to speak to the fan in the stands: "Let no one look down on your youth..." (you're a "young parent" )

... "Instead, be an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12)

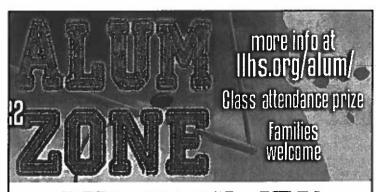


Pastor Don Schultz is interim principal of Lakeside Lutheran.

Reach him at 920.648.2321 or dschultz@llhs.org

At Lakeside we call our sports "co-curriculars." We look at sports as opportunities where we keep teaching our students lessons, even after school. Please join with us in that endeavor, and help us to teach your child self-control, perspective, and forgiveness at these events. As you watch the games (or matches) in the stands, ask yourself, "How can I glorify my Savior Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for the moments I have 'lost it'? How can I magnify Jesus, even when the game isn't going my way?"

May God bless our fall sports season!
And may God bless our school year, as we all work together to "educate, encourage, and equip students for life and for eternity."



# **ALUM FAMILIES!**

Lakeside Homecoming 2022 is Friday, September 23
Alum Zone supper and fun 5:30—7 PM
New MENU: Arby's Roast Beef or Hot Dogs
fruit, chips, CRUMBL cookies!

Twist N Shout Balloon Twisting will be there! 50/50 raffle Register online & attend to be entered into drawing for a LL Warrior bag set. \*RSVP by Sept. 16\*

Check out IIhs.org/apps/pages/alumzone for details or call less at 920-648-2321 x2230



Please introduce yourself to these faces in their new roles when you see them at school, at events or around the federation!

In this second of three installments, we introduce you to more new Warrior faculty:

### Mr. Steven Springborn

Director of Choirs (A Cappella, Cantate, and Freshmen) & Composition; Swing Choir director, Theatre asst.

"I'm excited to work with so many young Christians, to train them to be lifelong, active worshippers," says Springborn, who grew up in Northern Minnesota and attended high school at St. Croix, West St. Paul. He graduated from Martin Luther College with a degree in elementary education and secondary choral music education.



He and his wife, Amy (from Lebanon, Wis.), taught at a bilingual school in the Dominican Republic for a year and then began teaching careers in Arizona. Most recently, he taught at Nebraska Lutheran High School in Waco. Steve and Amy, who teaches Spanish for Amazing Grace Virtual Academy, have been married 11 years and have four children: Josiah (8), Violet (6), Leo (4) and Stella (1).

With four young children they have little free time, but his hobbies include piano, musical theatre, and weight-lifting.

### Ms. Rebecca Johnson

Extended Learning Center; Pre-Algebra; Teens for Christ and Yearbook asst.

A 2022 Martin Luther College graduate, Miss Johnson was assigned to us in May. She double majored in Elementary and Special Education.



The middle of three children, she was raised in Delaware. "I have been to Germany, Ireland, Switzerland, Italy, the Netherlands, and Costa Rica. I have been very blessed that my dad works for American Airlines," she admits. In her free time she enjoys knitting and reading.

"I am really excited to get to know faculty and to be able to build relationships with all the students that I will be working with throughout this school year," she says.

### Mrs. Hannah Uher

School Counselor; Girls Soccer

Mrs. Uher is a familiar face on campus, having taught science and anatomy two years ago, and she's been our varsity girls soccer coach for two years. "I am so excited to see all of the Lakeside students every single day!

I have missed being with my Lakeside family over the last year, and I am over the moon excited to be back," she says.



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She attended Wisconsin Lutheran High School and graduated from MLC with a degree in Secondary Science Education. In 2022, she received her MS Ed. in Professional School Counseling from Concordia University-Wisconsin.

She and her husband, Eric, live in Sun Prairie and attend Peace, where Eric teaches sixth grade. They have a dog, Callie. In her free time she enjoys reading, playing board games, and drinking coffee.

### Pastor Dustin Yahnke

Religion Dept. (Book of Revelation and World Religions, Christian Apologetics, Christian Living); OpGo, Boys Varsity Soccer asst.

"What excites me most about joining the faculty is building relationships with students so I can help them grow in their love and knowledge of their Savior Jesus, with whom they will spend eternity!" says Yahnke, who graduated from the Sem in 2005. "There are so many challenges we all face in the world, and it seems like young people face more than ever before. I am excited to do my best to prepare them to meet those challenges, and I hope to become one of the people in their lives they can

Outside of work, "my favorite hobby is really nerdy," he says. "I'm into puppetry. I've received training from some of the talented performers on Sesame Street and was trained in fabrication by master puppet builder Pasha Romanowski. Working with Pasha gave me the opportunity to travel and build professional puppets for people all over the world. I once built a puppet for a client living in India and my latest puppet creation was for a movie being shot in Dallas.

turn to hear the truth in love."





Two more projects finished from our debt-free spending list ... varsity locker/mud rooms refurbishing and replacement of the competition field visitor as well as the track bleachers. Join us at Homecoming for the unveiling of the West Gym!



Someday I would love to visit New York City and check out the art and puppetry scene there!" He's also spent six weeks living and teaching in Kremenets, Ukraine, he's been to Israel twice and also Egypt.

Pastor Yahnke and his wife, Jennifer, have six children: Ellie (19), Jay (17), Elijah (16), Matthias (13), Lily (11), and Solomon (8). He most recently served as pastor at Trinity, Watertown, for over six years and the family will continue to live on the north side of Watertown and attend Trinity. "That means I'll get to cross a bunch of books off my reading list if I use Audible on my daily commute," he says.

# Enjoy Kringles? Pizza? Cookies? Coffee?



Look for the opportunity to support
Warrior musicians toward their trips
through your purchase!



Fund-raiser dates: 8/31-9/23
Items delivered October 15





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She and her husband, Eric, live in Sun Prairie and attend Peace, where Eric teaches sixth grade. They have a dog, Callie. In her free time she enjoys reading, playing board games, and drinking coffee.

### Pastor Dustin Yahnke

Religion Dept. (Book of Revelation and World Religions, Christian Apologetics, Christian Living); OpGo, Boys Varsity Soccer asst.

"What excites me most about joining the faculty is building relationships with students so I can help them grow in their love and knowledge of their Savior Jesus, with whom they will spend eternity!" says Yahnke, who graduated from the Sem in 2005.

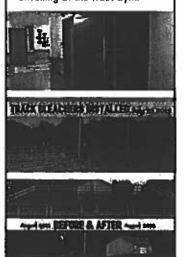
"There are so many challenges we all face in the world, and it seems like young people face more than ever before. I am excited to do my best to prepare them to meet those challenges, and I hope to become one of the people in their lives they can turn to hear the truth in love."

Outside of work, "my favorite hobby is really nerdy," he says. "I'm into puppetry. I've received training from some of the talented performers on Sesame Street and was trained in fabrication by master puppet builder Pasha Romanowski. Working with Pasha gave me the opportunity to travel and build professional puppets for people all over the world. I once built a puppet for a client living in India and my latest puppet creation was for a movie being shot in Dallas.





Two more projects finished from our debt-free spending list ... varsity locker/mud rooms refurbishing and replacement of the competition field visitor as well as the track bleachers. Join us at Homecoming for the unveiling of the West Gym!



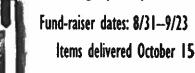
Someday I would love to visit New York City and check out the art and puppetry scene there!" He's also spent six weeks living and teaching in Kremenets, Ukraine, he's been to Israel twice and also Egypt.

Pastor Yahnke and his wife, Jennifer, have six children: Ellie (19), Jay (17), Elijah (16), Matthias (13), Lily (11), and Solomon (8). He most recently served as pastor at Trinity, Watertown, for over six years and the family will continue to live on the north side of Watertown and attend Trinity. "That means I'll get to cross a bunch of books off my reading list if I use Audible on my daily commute," he says.

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# Why does bad stuff always happen to me?

My mom has tane. It cold lost his sister is in high school and pregnant. brother's grades are slipping. Work is so stressful. My life is unstable. Why does had stuff happen to me?

Plenty of people have plenty of suggestions

"Maybe God does not love you."

"Maybe he is punishing you for something."

"Maybe everything is too much for him to handle."

Do you want to know the real answer? I staggering. "God is LOVE" (1 John 4:16

What? How can that be? How can there be so many bad things in my life if God is love? Wouldn't a loving God just erase all the had stuff and only give me good? Well...no.

The kids need shots. They cry with pair four love them. Are shots "bad"?

You need surgery. It's going to hurt and take some time to heal. Your doctor cares about you. Is surgery "bad"?

Your football coach tells you to run ten 100-yard-sprints. It's not exactly a vacation. Your coach wants what is best for you. Are the sprints "bad"?

So much in our lives looks like "bad stuff," but it is really "good." It certainly looked like a lot

of "bad stuff" was happening on the day Jesus died. Jesus was falsely accused of breaking the law. He was whipped, mocked, and executed on the cross. That is some really "bad stuff" for Jesus, but Christians still call that day GOOD Friday.

Because of that "bad stuff" on Good Friday, Jesus removes all of our sins and all of our guilt and says, "I'll take those for you. I'll make them mine." Jesus has tremendous love for us. He takes the punishment away from us. He has the power to handle everything in our lives.

While everyone has their own opinions about why "bad stuff" happens to them, God gently points me to Jesus and gives me the right answer: "God is LOVE."

Do you want to learn more about this love? We invite you to join us to learn more about God's perfect love for you, and how he uses all the "bad stuff" in your life for your good.