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Witness – Mercy – Life Together gets out of the box



St. John's people work with neighbors in the garden.

WHO WE ARE: LUTHERAN MISSION - GARY

We envision a city that is attractive, inviting, and thriving, based upon Agape Love In Action (ALIA).

ALIA looks to serve my neighbor, not according to my comfort zone, but according to his or her need.

1. The Gospel
2. Knowledge of Self (Vocation)
3. Recognition of Community
4. Cooperation over Competition
5. Edification over Destruction

Soli Gloria Dei



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The Rev. Delwyn Campbell, of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, serves the Lutheran community of Gary, IN.

We are members of two sets of communities, one of which stretches through time and eternity, the other of which is rooted in a particular place in a specific time. We are citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, and residents of the city where we live and serve – in this case, Gary, IN.

As citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, we look to God our Father, through Jesus Christ, His dear Son, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, to reveal to us who we are, why we are here, and what we are to do. As residents of Gary, we look to our history, our hopes, and our abilities to help us find ways to participate and contribute to the peace and prosperity of the community in which we live move and have our being.

We thank God for making us citizens of His Kingdom, and uniting us to others who also are members of the Body of

Christ through the Word of God and His Holy Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. We pray for one another, encourage one another, and support one another as God enables us.

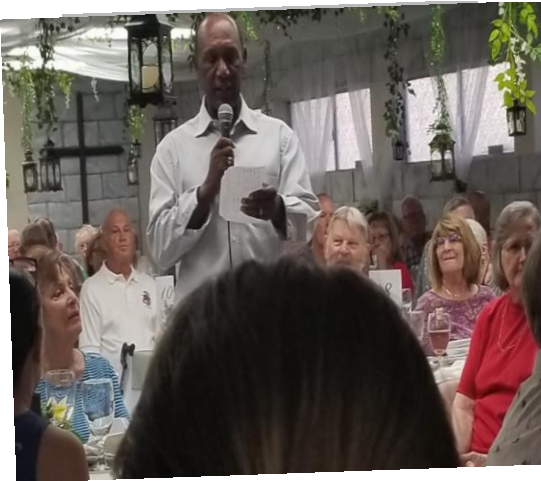
While some have “prophesied” the demise of St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, and of the Gary Lutheran community overall, we thank God that we are moving closer to celebrating 150 years of Gospel ministry in the Calumet Region. By October 10th, 2020, we will have had many events that showcase the significance of the presence and preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the confession of the Symbols of the Lutheran understanding of the Christian faith.

Thank you for your support of and participation in the wonderful works of God’s grace in the city of Gary. May God bless you richly.

Visiting a Member of our Network to Celebrate His Work

Famous for its casino and “adult playground atmosphere,” Las Vegas is also the home to several LCMS congregations with large populations and stable schools. “Where sin abounds, grace much more abounds.”

Rev. Roderick McPherson has been the pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in North Las Vegas, NV since July of 2001. In that time, he has worked with the congregation to proclaim, through Word and Sacrament, God’s love for the residents of North “Sin City.” On August 24th, 2019, Rev. McPherson celebrated his transition to the ranks of the retired. With congregants, friends, and family members in attendance, Pastor Rod rejoiced and reminisced over the joys, trials, and shining moments of ministry in the Las Vegas Valley.



Rev. Rod McPherson thanks everyone for coming to the dinner.

Since 2019, Pastor Rod and the saints of Redeemer Lutheran have supported the deployment of Missionaries Delwyn and Lenita Campbell to Gary, IN with prayers and financial support. While his days of service as a parish priest are coming to a close, both he and the members of Redeemer remain committed to supporting the Synod’s mission to see the pure Gospel grow.

PARTNERS TOGETHER AT THE TABLE

As Pastor Campbell planned his visit to churches in the Las Vegas Valley area, little did he know that one of his mission helpers would be there as well.

Amy Scholz is a District/Congregation Advocate for LCMS Mission Advancement. Her husband, Rev. Michael Scholz, is the pastor at Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Las Vegas, NV. Together, they are part of the

LCMS vision to confess the pure Gospel through Witness – Mercy – Life Together in every place where the Lord causes His name to dwell.

When Amy found out that Rev. Campbell was in Las Vegas, she called him to make sure that all was doing well, and to help him navigate the cultural landscape of the Las Vegas Lutheran community. Her assistance was both needed and appreciated!





Campbell Family Update



All that and teaching too!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- D2 as he transitions to College and adult life.
- Dani and Dinah as students.
- Me and Lenita's health and strength..
- Lenita's mom, who is suffering from major health issues.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- D2's graduation from Hammond Morton and Acceptance into Purdue Northwest
- Ending FY 2018 in the black.
- Sponsors for "This IS Most Certainly True" radio broadcast on WLTH 92.7 FM

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage and support us

Summertime was busy with preaching, presenting and travelling. Now that school is back in, we're still busy with teaching the girls.

Daniyah is now studying at the 1st Grade level. She is doing pretty good with her math and reading, and Dinah is learning her letters, colors, and numbers. Lenita has developed the lesson plan and the girls are happily learning, along with children from two homeschool groups.

Lenita has also discovered that she has amazing gardening skills. Between the community garden and our own, I can now add Olive Garden to the list of restaurants that I no longer need to go to for food that I like (Toscana soup)! Lenita turned 20 for the second time on August 27th (let the reader understand)

while we were visiting our supporting congregations in Las Vegas. Her mom and two brothers, along with her nephew, celebrated with a dinner. It was kind of bittersweet for us, as her mom has not been too healthy lately. She is a fiercely independent woman, and having to rely upon her children to care for her is hard for her accept.

As we enter into Fall, plans are proceeding for the unifying of St. John's Evangelical and Good Shepherd Lutheran Churches. We intend to intensify our outreach and mercy work in Gary through the combining of resources. We are also looking into ways of utilizing the former St. Philip's site for outreach purposes in that part of the city. It is a rather dense residential area, and we hope to be able to repair the parsonage and the fellowship room to use.

St. John's is now entering the final phase of our effort to have it designated as a National Historical Landmark. If all goes as well as we have hoped and prayed, by next January, we should be on the National Registry. This will lead to many people coming to visit the facility, both for religious and historical purposes, as well as to experience the pipe organ which was built approximately 100 years ago. Next time you're in the Chicagoland area....

Thanks for the birthday cards, everyone. We appreciated each thoughtful message, the gift cards, and most of all, the prayers. We are refreshed by your support in so many ways, and we also delight in praying for you as well, so stay in touch! "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working"(James 5:16b).

- Del and Lenita



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