

# MISSION FIELD: GARY, IN



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## Witness – Mercy – Life Together gets out of the box



Standing across from the front of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

### WHO WE ARE: LUTHERAN MISSION – GARY

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

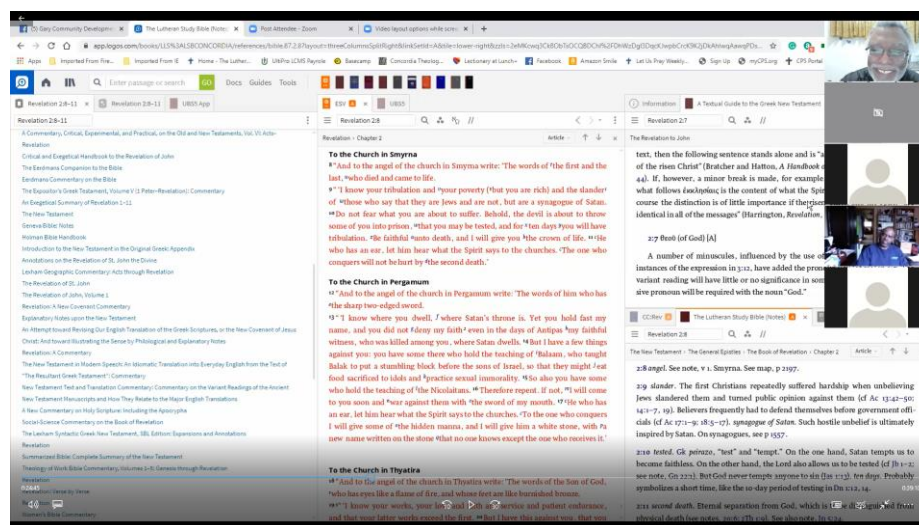
ALIA looks to serve my neighbor, not according to my comfort zone, but according to his or her need.

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 leading a Zoom Bible Study.

We have all had to adjust to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Going to church, for many people, has come to mean getting dressed up just to sit in front of their computer monitor.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, even though it is 150 years old this year, made the adjustments too. We live stream on Sundays at 9:00 am Central. We also are in the midst of a Zoom Bible Study. Currently we are reading Revelation, and making use of Logos Bible Software to access commentaries and other study aids that we share onscreen.

Everyone is welcome to join us, just send your email and we will add you to the list. For the Sunday Divine Service, just look up St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Gary, IN on Facebook. You can also hear the sermon on YouTube on Pastor Delwyn

Campbell's You Tube page or on Facebook.

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# How does my garden grow? I don't know, but God...

*The second year in the garden is really growing well.*

When we planted the gardens at the church and in our backyard, we had no idea how much we would grow to enjoy it. Now going out into the backyard in the evening is part of the family fun activities, and Dinah in particular really enjoys finding new fruit to harvest.

This has also impacted the eating habits of the girls. Seeing their food literally grow up before their eyes has caused them to like such things as tomatoes more than they used to. In addition, the flowers have drawn butterflies and birds for them to enjoy.

Gary, Indiana has long been described as a "food desert," but that could change if more people begin to grow their own gardens. While we probably won't go back to being a farming region, we can definitely supplement our meals with fresh vegetable.



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## WORKING ON THAT NEXT LEVEL DEGREE

Back in May, I started working on a Ph.D. in Missiology at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. I have taken six classes so far, and have passed all of my classes. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. This was my DMS 906 Class - Paradigms in Missiology, taught by Rev. Dr. Don Wiley. The program is based on intensives. Each one is either one or two weeks, and we are in class for 8 hours per day. When I finish this, I will be able to finally write that book we've been talking about (LOL).



# Ministry or Family Update



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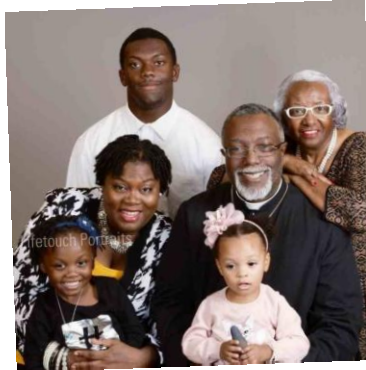
- Removal of the Pestilence
- Strength for the journey
- Faithful financial support

## GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Those who have been healed from the COVID-19 virus
- Every opportunity to preach the pure Gospel.
- Health, strength, and the presence of God in His gifts for us.

## PRAISE GOD FOR:

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



## *Summertime, and the living is...well, you know!*

While a pandemic quarantine means that I don't have as much traveling to do, it *didn't* mean that I have been in vacation mode

## CREATING CONTENT IS A BIG JOB

A lot of pastors will tell you, "it takes more work to prepare for a live stream than it does to prepare to preach to a full house." I have had to learn how to work with equipment, production values, and a host of things that they did not teach us in Seminary. I bet that will change, along with a host of other things like social dress codes. Who would have thought that a mask could become a fashion statement?

## THE KIDS ARE INTO THE HOMESCHOOL RHYTHME

Since we are not part of a group calendar setting, the girls' education time has not been overly affected by the pandemic, other than not being able to join up with the rest of the Co-op as often. They are still learning daily, since, if they don't see a change in the schedule, why create one. Daniyah is reading now, and Dinah is learning how to spell and count. Soon they will be working on their Ph.D. dissertations right beside me.

## SPEAKING OF A JOB

Now that "school's out for the summer," D2 has been working, first as an intern for a HVAC technician, and now as a Census Taker. It's good watching him as he transitions from "Daddy's Little Manly Man" to a grown man, complete with grown man bills! He seems to enjoy his work though, and entertains us with stories of crazy customers, creepy crawl spaces, and the various other things that make his day interesting.

*No, we aren't in California, or even at Lake Michigan. Nevertheless, it's good to know that, wherever we are, Jesus is with us and for us, just like He is with you and for you. Be encouraged, even now, and know that He has neither left us nor forsaken us.*

*- Del and Lenita*



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