

LWEFC September

BABY SHOWER

Please join us for a baby shower for
Emily Dennison,
welcoming a baby boy in October
(*dad, Kirk and big brother Wyatt too!*)

Emily is currently our nursery coordinator and is also involved with the AWANA program at LWEFC.

If you have not met Emily yet...that's ok; join us as we all get to know one another better.

When: September 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Where: 311 Dale Dr., Lodi, WI (Susie Riedesel's home)

Carpooling from the church can be arranged
(please let us know so it can be coordinated).

Emily is registered on Amazon and at Target.

If you would like to contribute to a group gift, please contact Susie at
608-370-1968 or sriedesel92@gmail.com.

Questions: Darlene Ryan, Susie Riedesel or Kim Pollock



Coming to LWEFC **2018 Bluegrass Music's** **Band of the Year**

With over 60 National awards
and nominations,

The Farm Hands

are one of the most exciting and in demand
Bluegrass Bands in America.

Mark your calendars for Sunday,
November 4, for a 2:00 p.m. concert in our own Multi Purpose Room.

Tickets go on sale in September for \$10.00 each. If you are interested,
please contact darla@lwevc.org or call the church office at 592-3091.
(Darla's office hours are Mon & Wed 8-noon, Tues, Thurs, Fri noon-4.)

Starting off the School Year Right

Every single year summer seems to go too fast and even this year with an extra few weeks, it still seems to have come to an end too soon. So as you take your kids or your grandkids back-to-school shopping and get them ready for another school year, I want to remind you of the important role you play in getting the school year off to a good start as a parent or grandparent. Here are three ways you can do just that.

Set the example you want them to follow



I am sometimes frustrated when parents share how upset they are that their child isn't coming to youth group or doesn't want to come to church when they are not making it a priority themselves. Children are quite smart and if you expect them to view something as important, it had better be important in your own life

first. You want them to read the Bible, start by demonstrating how important that is by doing it regularly yourself. Do you want them be at church/youth group, then make sure you don't treat church like the thing we do only if we have nothing else we could be doing. Actions speak louder than words and if your actions demonstrate you don't think it is important, don't be surprised when your children or grandchildren don't think it is worthwhile either.

Emphasize the right things

Now more than ever, there seem to be a litany of things that students can be involved in on a daily basis. Sundays are no longer sacred and for many parents, weekends during the school year are busier than week days. You can help your child or grandchild understand what is important by emphasizing the right things. Make sure their priorities are in order. Does something threaten to conflict with them being able to attend church or youth group regularly? Tell them they should try to find another way to be involved in that activity on another day of the week or week night. Help them understand that their spiritual health and growth is more important than anything else and should come before anything else. Help them learn to view life in a broader picture than just a specific sport/club/activity that they could be doing and to

see the things they will not be able to do if they choose to pursue that activity. Share with them that it is okay to tell their employer they cannot work on Sundays because of church activities.

Set boundaries and be willing to say ‘no’

I have talked to a lot of parents about the bombardment their kids are getting with extracurricular activities and clubs. Not all things are bad, but students are notoriously bad at saying no to things they need to. You can help them manage their time wisely and avoid overextending themselves by setting boundaries. Ask them to pick one sport to play and one club to be involved in. Make sure they are working an appropriate number of hours so that they can sleep and get their homework done. 15+ hours of work is probably not a great idea during the school year. Help them scale back and don’t let them be ruled by FOMO (fear of missing out) on something. They cannot do everything they may want to and they need to learn to pick and choose in order to find an appropriate life balance. Don’t expect them to just figure it out on their own. Students who are involved in too many things are at risk for depression, anxiety, stress and a myriad of other mental, emotional, and even physical problems that you can help them avoid simply by helping them say no when needed.

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My promise to you is that if you choose to focus on these three things at the beginning of the school year, I believe it will make a world of difference for your teenager son/daughter or grandchild. They will feel better and I believe they will have room to grow spiritually and flourish in ways they might miss out on if they are not giving the guidance, direction and boundaries they need.

Finally, beyond these three things, pray! And pray a lot! God is not incapable of transforming the life of anyone. Pray that God works in their life and pray for the youth and children’s ministries here at Lake Wisconsin Church.

Pastor Daniel Sjogren



50+ Children
Attended Each Day

2018 VBS Staff

*"Thank you,
Thank you,
Thank you!!"*



They learned that
Jesus rescues!



Being shipwrecked is
better when you have a
friend.



Everyone had fun...almost!



 Camp Barnabas
2018

Champions Week

Cabin B6

 Brand New
Produced by



2018
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Kettle Corn Helpers Needed!

Where: Treinen Farm

When: Saturdays & Sundays from 09/29-10/28

Why: To help raise funds for local and global mission projects.

Sign up in the lobby or
contact Tracy Jesse
if interested.
tmjesse@charter.net
or 608-843-6472



Monday, October 29, at 7:00 p.m.

**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

Everyone is invited to attend!

**1st Service
8:30 a.m.**

**SERVICE TIME
CHANGE**

**2nd Service
10:15 a.m.**

Beginning Sunday, September 2, our 2nd service worship
start time will begin at 10:15 a.m.
Our 1st service start time remains at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School Begins

September 9

2nd Service - 10:15 a.m.

We need you! Please pray and consider how you can help the children of our church know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Don't be intimidated. The curriculum gives you everything you need, you will go through a one hour training course, and you will never teach alone.

Greeters: Guide parents and check kids in; this position will only miss 15 minutes of the service.

Praying For 2 Teachers Each Grade

Pre-K and Kindergarten Teachers

1st and 2nd Grade Teachers

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Teachers

Leader/Storyteller - Large Group: Lead the kids in telling the bible story.

Substitutes: Be willing to teach any age range as needed, probably two times.



YOUTH GROUP STARTING UP THIS FALL

The Bridge Youth Group Resumes on Sunday, September 9

Theme: The Counter-Cultural Example of Jesus

Pathway Youth Group Resumes on Wednesday, September 12

Theme: Understanding the Basics of Christianity

**Middle & High School Sunday School
Resumes Sunday, September 9**



Save the Dates

Fall Women's Retreat

Friday 10/19 at 6:45p - Saturday 10/20 at 7:30p

Register for the Fall Women's Retreat

Get the early bird special and save some money by registering for the fall women's retreat by September 23! This year's theme will be Living Life Together and what that means for us. Plan on enjoying fellowship, lessons, worship, fun activities, tasty meals, and so much more from Friday, October 19 at 6:45pm through Saturday, October, 20 at 7:30pm. Retreat registration packets can be found in the literature rack located in the church lobby or online at lwefc.org.

Fall Precept Studies

Galatians - 7 Week

Class meets every Wednesday morning from 9:30-10:30am

Please sign-up in the church lobby by

Sunday, September 2

Class Title: **Galatians - Who Has Bewitched You?**

As the gospel spread across the Roman world in the first decades after Jesus' earthly ministry, conflict arose. Jews and Gentiles were believing the gospel, and a struggle over what it meant to be a Christian began. What does it mean to live under grace? Do you have to keep the Law to be a Christian? All of it or just part of it? Who is right? How will we know? God used an apostle to write a letter to some churches that were struggling with this issue, a letter that still speaks today. It's message clearly defines the relationship between Law and grace, and how Christians live under grace, led by the Spirit, free from bondage.

Class Begins: **Wednesday, October 3**

Class Ends: **Wednesday, November 14**

Cost: **\$16.00**

Are you new to Precept study?

**Contact Jamie Rowe if you are new to
Precept study or if you have any
questions - rowe1218@charter.net
or 608-345-2515.**

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:30-9:30am 1st Service Worship | 10:15-11:15am 2nd Service Worship
9:30-10:00am Coffee Fellowship | 10:15-11:15am Sunday School

Sunday	Mon	Tue	W
2	3 9:30am Prayer Team	4	5 9:30am M Group Fa Begins
9 High School Youth Group Begins	10 9:30am Prayer Team	11	12 Middle S Youth Gr Begins
16 Holy Communion	17 9:30am Prayer Team	18	19 9:30am M Group AWANA
23	24 9:30am Prayer Team	25	26
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September 2018

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mom's all Session	6	7	8 7:30am Men's Breakfast
School Group	13	14	15
		<div> Men's Retreat September 14 - 15, 2018 Expeditions Unlimited </div>	
Mom's Begins	20	21	22
	27 10:00AM OUR HOUSE	28 Baby Shower for Emily Dennison	29

The playground dismantling on Saturday, August 25, was quite an undertaking. But with everyone's help the mission was accomplished. Thank you to all who came out and helped make it possible for this playground to have new life in a new location.











LIVES CHANGED FOREVER (Missionary Carol Pollock)

Imagine if, from the time you were born, people looked at you and saw a cursed life. That is the reality for men, women, and children with cleft lips who live in South Sudan. But for 87 people, it all changed this year when they received reparative surgery through Samaritan's Purse.

A SMILE TRANSFORMED

If Dhal had been born in the United States, he probably would have had surgery to repair his cleft lip before he turned one. But the little 3-year-old boy lives in a remote area more than 300 miles from South Sudan's capital.

There, people see his cleft lip as a curse. They say that his mother sinned, or that he is possessed by demons. Children refuse to play with him. Though Dhal is badly mistreated, he is more fortunate than any children who are born with a cleft lip. The stigma surrounding the disfigurement is so strong, newborn babies are often thrown in the river or left to die of exposure.

As children and adults, many people with cleft lips will be prevented from receiving an education or getting a job. People in their communities refuse to do business with them, and many never get married. They live lonely lives, apart from the sense of community that is so central to the culture in South Sudan.

Dahl's grandmother, Monica, waited stoically outside the operating room as her grandson underwent the two-hour surgery that would transform his countenance. She had seen the other cleft lip patients go in to surgery and emerge with swollen, but whole, upper lips.

When Dahl, still groggy from anesthesia, was carried out by the post-operative nurse, Monica was in awe of the transformation. She knew that this procedure had changed the course of his life. As she cradled her grandson, she spoke just three words as her eyes brimmed with tears. "I am grateful."



MAKING A WAY

Hundreds of miles of dusty, rutted roads snake across South Sudan, which is roughly the size of Texas. For patients without a vehicle or the means to pay for transportation, it would have been impossible to make the journey from their village to the capital city of Juba for surgery.

But Samaritan's Purse operates a fleet of aircraft in Africa that makes it possible for us to reach patients in isolated areas—like two-year-old Liab. Our pilots landed the plane on a dirt runway in a remote region called Tonj, where Liab and her mother, Ayen climbed aboard. Their village is so deep in the South Sudanese “bush” that they had journeyed 96 miles just to reach the airstrip.

Lindell Weeks, program director for Samaritan's Purse mission aviation services in Africa, was one of the pilots who brought patients from across South Sudan to the capital city. “I am amazed that we pick up the patients on one day, they have their surgery the next day, and we fly them back to their village on the third day,” he said. “The transformation is amazing. We're so blessed to be able to see it in person.”

Just two days after boarding the plane to Juba, Liab—and a handful of other patients from the region surrounding Tonj—flew home with mended smiles and hope for a brighter future.

HE MADE ME DIFFERENT

In Mary's isolated village, there is no hospital—only a small clinic. Even if cleft lip surgery was available in her region of South Sudan, Mary would never be able to afford the operation.

She and her husband work hard to provide for their eight children, but they are terribly poor. Mary's family has to live away from the village, because the people in the community ruthlessly mock her. They blame Mary's mother and grandmother for her disfigurement.

When Mary arrived in Juba, she was wearing a mismatched pair of flip flops and a tattered and dirty dress that was likely the nicest piece of clothing she owns.

The rest of the world—including her community—may not see Mary as valuable or beautiful. But God does. And that is the message Samaritan's Purse is bringing to cleft lip patients in South Sudan.

While awaiting surgery, Mary met nurse Carol Pollock, one of the members of the Samaritan's Purse cleft lip team. She is a talented, compassionate nurse who loves the Lord, but something special compelled her to be a part of this project: Carol was born with a cleft lip.

As she sat next to Mary on her bed in the hospital ward and showed her pictures of herself as a baby, Carol shared her own journey and told Mary that she is deeply loved by God.



“I thought because I was different that God did not love me,” Carol said. “But now I know he loves me and that is why he made me different. The same God who loves me also loves you very much.”



A NEW IDENTITY

During the past eight years, Samaritan’s Purse has provided cleft lip surgery for 506 patients in South Sudan, and dozens more in other countries such as Bolivia and Liberia. As we meet this practical need, our team is demonstrating the healing love of Jesus.

For patients like Macheik, the trip to Juba for cleft lip surgery was a spiritual turning point in their lives.

Like many other babies with clefts, Macheik was given a name which literally means “deformed” in his language. His misshapen lip—a single feature on an otherwise handsome, friendly face—was inextricable part of his identity.

The tall cattle farmer was eager to return to his community with a repaired smile and the good news: there is hope for others who have cleft lips. But Macheik received even better news during his stay in Juba: the Good News of Jesus Christ. After the surgeons mended his lip, God healed his heart. Macheik prayed with Pastor Kamilo—a South Sudanese chaplain serving with Samaritan’s Purse—and received Jesus as Savior. With a new smile and a new identity in Christ, Macheik needed a new name.



LADIES FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



SAVE THE DATE-Saturday, September 22, at 8:30 a.m.
Here at LWEF Church.

September Celebrations

Birthday

Renee Tompkins	3
Tim Webster	3
Chuck Riedesel	4
Tom Ripp	4
Cari Michel	6
Cherie Schmidt	7
Pastor Scott Larson	8
John Klingbeil	8
Neil Bandt	8
Lilly Callahan	10
David Larson	11
Karen Homewood	12
Jesse Parpart	12
Dave Moxon	13
Tracy Jesse	16
Darlene Ryan	16
Mark Stewart	17
Jared Sagal	17
Ethel Slack	22
Noah Winter	24
Diana Dettinger	25
Ken Sandmire	25
Beth Lang	26
Tina Gebhard	28
Mike Ashworth	28

Anniversary

Ed & Marlene Spyros	17
Matt & Nicole McKearn	19
Bruce & Tina Gebhard	21
John & Joan Marshall	23
Kurt & Terri Wilson	24
Chuck & Delores Parsley	30



M E N ' S R E T R E A T



September 14-15



Expeditions Unlimited in Baraboo, WI
 Friday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. through
 Saturday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$75 per person (includes one night, three meals)
 Optional Costs: Paintball or High Ropes (\$15 each)

Registration Deadline: Sunday, September 9
 Sign-up in the lobby today or
 call the church office at 592-3091.