

Abiding Peace NEWS & NOTES

January 20, 2019



2019 Annual Report

Get a snapshot of the work we did together as a synod in 2019 through the WELS Annual Report, *Your Gifts, God's Blessings*, now online at: www.wels.net.

Members, you should have received your Offering Statement from this past year in your mailboxes. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Bruemmer.



Annual Adult Dinner Out



Our annual Adult Dinner Out is set for **Thursday, February 21st, at 6:00 p.m.** We will meet at The Village Vintner, 2380 Esplanade Drive, Algonquin, IL.

This event is always well attended. Come and see what the fun is all about. The Village Vintner has a

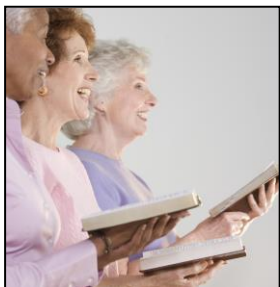
varied menu and they have agreed to do separate checks. Sign up in the entryway!

Fellowship Hosting

A special thank you to all our members who provide fellowship snacks each week. The time you spend is much appreciated.



Choir Rehearsals



The Abiding Peace Choir is taking a hiatus in the month of January. In February, we will be starting rehearsals for Lent and Easter music. All are welcome to participate! Even if you have never been in choir before or you just want to sing for a season, please speak to Becky Miller and join us.

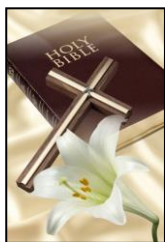
Birthday Greetings

January brings birthday greetings to Alyssa Krause (January 20), Natalie Swanson (January 26), and Jordan Miller (January 26).



An Encouraging Word

Vision for Christian Living - Micah 6:1-8



Just as God redeemed Israel from slavery in Egypt, he has redeemed us from slavery to sin by sending Christ to suffer and die for our sins and rise again from the tomb. Just as he brought the Israelites to a land of plenty, he has blessed us with material wealth. Like the Israelites, we tend to grumble and complain, even in the face of plenty. Then we try to make up for our ingratitude by giving a larger offering or by volunteering for another committee. Yet the largest offerings and the most tireless services have no meaning if we aren't giving our hearts to God. We need to humbly acknowledge that all blessings are from him, that we will never be worthy of the least of them, and that it is only through Christ that we can stand before God. Our offerings and service should come from hearts thankful to God for all he has done for us.

Upcoming 2019 Rallies and Retreats

Men Alive! Conference

February 16, 2019
Midland, MI

Theme: **What Does God
Require of You?**

www.menalivebalm.org

ALIVE!

Healthy
MARRIAGE



Healthy Marriage

February 8 - 10, 2019
Chaska, MN

Theme: **Communication in
Marriage**

www.wels.net

Today's Christian Women Retreat

March 22 - 24, 2019
Auburn Hills Marriott
Pontiac, MI

www.tcwr.org

THE
Gift of
God
is
Eternal Life
through
Jesus
Christ
OUR LORD
Rom 6:23

LWMS Annual Convention

June 27 - 30, 2019
Iowa Events Center
Des Moines, IA

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society

www.lwms2019convention.com



56th Annual LWMS Convention
June 27-30, 2019 Des Moines, Iowa

Weekly Mission Prayer



Military Services – Holy Spirit, only you can bring lasting peace to our world. Because of sin we rely on our military as your vehicle to help keep order in this imperfect world. Give our soldiers and their families your consolation and encouragement so that they stay strong and firmly rooted in the Word and sacraments. Give us new ways to reach out to those wounded in body or soul. Amen.

Service to Our Lord

	<i>January 20</i>	<i>January 27</i>
<i>Pianists</i>	<i>Becky Miller</i>	<i>Rachel John</i>
<i>Ushers—8:00</i>	<i>Jim Stumpner M. Jachinstahl</i>	<i>Mark Kreklow</i>
<i>Ushers—10:30</i>	<i>Doug Salzwedel Glenn Miller Rachel Miller</i>	<i>Rich Long David Long</i>
<i>Refreshments</i>	<i>Haynes Baird</i>	<i>Kreklow Kacer</i>

Give Thanks to the Lord!

Worship Attendance ~

January 6: 79

January 13: 73