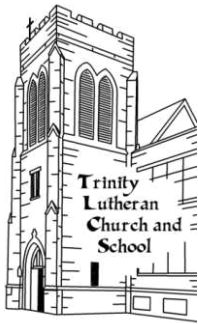


Trinity Lutheran Church & School
300 Broad Street
Menasha, WI 54952



February 2023 Newsletter





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300 Broad Street
Menasha, WI 54952

Church Phone: (920) 722-2662 / **School Phone:** (920) 725-1715

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Website: www.trinitymenasha.com

Worship Services:

Saturday – 5:00 pm; Sunday – 9:00 am

Education Hour: Sunday - 10:30 am

Services will continue to be available for live streaming on Trinity's Facebook page, and for later viewing on YouTube. Check the church website for more details.

Important Dates:

- February 3: 7:00 PM Hymn Sing
- February 4: 5:00 PM Worship Service
- February 5: 9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Education Hour & Sunday School
- February 9: 4:00 PM Basketball Party and Parent Game
- February 10: 9:30 AM Food Pantry
5:00 PM Worship Service
- February 12: 9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Education Hour & Sunday School
- February 18: 5:00 PM Worship Service
- February 19: 9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Education Hour & Sunday School
- February 20: No School
- February 22: Ash Wednesday
9:00 AM Service/Communion
School Sings
5:00 PM Catechism
6:30 Service/ Communion
- February 25: 9:30 AM Food Pantry
5:00 PM Worship Service
- February 26: 9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Education Hour & Sunday School

FRIENDS OF THE PIPE ORGAN
& GRAND PIANO
SOUP & BREAD SALE

JANUARY 22ND THRU FEBRUARY 20TH
BEFORE & AFTER SERVICES

A VARIETY OF SOUPS AND BREADS WILL
BE AVAILABLE.
A READY-MADE MEAL TO WARM THE
DAY.

Our Mission Statement:

Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Menasha, is a fellowship of Lutheran Christians being empowered by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God and His Sacraments to encourage, refresh, and strengthen both adults and children in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, while sharing His love with those who do not yet know their Lord and Savior.



Senior Pastor:

✠ Rev. Steven S. Billings

Assoc. Pastor/Principal:



✠ Rev. Keith E. GeRue

Directors of Music:

Tim Reuning & Connie Henkel

Organist:

Mrs. Nancy Lephart

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			8:45 AM Chapel 12:30 PM Pete the Cat PAC K4-2nd 5:00 PM Catechism	6 AM Men's Bible Study 4:30 PM Fox Valley Christian @ Home A Team	2:45 PM Electives 7:00 PM Hymn Sing	5 PM Worship Soup & Bread Sale
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 AM Worship Soup & Bread Sale 10:30 AM Educ. Hour/Sunday School	Rev. Billings' Sabbath 9 AM Sewing 3:45-4:45 PM Chess Club 5:30 PM Adult Info Class 6 PM Prayer Time 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Bd Mtg	8:45 AM Chapel 12:30 PM Ballet Hispanico PAC 5 th -8 th 5:00 PM Catechism	6 AM Men's Bible Study 4 PM Basketball Party and Parent Game	2:45 PM Electives Popcorn Friday	9:30 AM Food Pantry 5 PM Worship Soup & Bread Sale
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – FEBRUARY 2023

02/13 MEHL, Roy & Ruby
 02/15 BARTELME, Gary & Linda
 02/20 COLLINGWOOD, David & Rosemary
 02/24 PEOTTER, Jerry & Diane
 02/28 HENKEL, Blaine & Connie



BIRTHDAYS – FEBRUARY 2023

02/01 LOHR, Katlyn
 02/02 COLLINGWOOD, Rosemary
 02/02 MICHALSKI-LAYNNOYE, Maya
 02/02 NEWTON, Kelly
 02/02 OLSON, Lisa
 02/02 WUSSOW, Sandy
 02/03 HENRICKSON, Dawn
 02/03 MAHONEY, Michelle
 02/04 ARHELGER, Ruth
 02/04 MIES, Faith
 02/04 REICHERT, Paula
 02/05 ANDERSON, Payton
 02/05 GAST, Melani
 02/06 BURSACK, Justin
 02/06 KEMPF, Brenda
 02/06 PAUL, Betty
 02/06 WRIGHT, Ruth
 02/08 SIEGEL, Amy
 02/09 LINDNER, Gavin
 02/10 MANTEUFEL, Alan



02/10 FORBES, Lorna
 02/12 SCHMIDT, Ava
 02/13 ROSS, Randy
 02/13 SCHMIDT, Henry
 02/13 SCHRAMPFER, Martin
 02/14 MAYNARD, John
 02/14 OLSON, Kaylee
 02/16 SMITH, Colton Willard
 02/16 SMITH, Nash
 02/17 HOPFENSBERGER, Alayna
 02/17 MEHL, Roy
 02/18 MOORE JR., Jeffrey Clay
 02/19 EVENSEN, Carol
 02/19 GERUE, Rev. Keith

02/19 SIEGEL, Sophia
 02/20 RIVORD, Ellen
 02/20 WILKE, Rita
 02/21 MAYNARD, Sue
 02/23 GROSHEK, Jeff
 02/23 KOBS, Dylan
 02/23 KOHLER, Carl
 02/23 RISKE, Carl
 02/24 BARTELME, Henry
 02/24 HOPFENSBERGER, Robert
 02/24 CARPENTER, Jordan
 02/25 O'CONNOR, Luke
 02/26 ANDERSON, Emma
 02/26 BOWERS, Alyssa
 02/26 SCHAEFER, LeRoy
 02/26 WORM, Mya
 02/27 KOHLER, Todd
 02/27 PAGEL, Burnette
 02/28 MULLINS, Mayson
 02/28 TOEPPLER, Jean

✝ Trinity Membership Update ✝

New Members/Transfers In:



Released/Transfers Out:

Baptisms:

Weddings:

Members Who Have Passed:

²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God. Job 19:25-26
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Serving Our Lord with Gladness – February 2023

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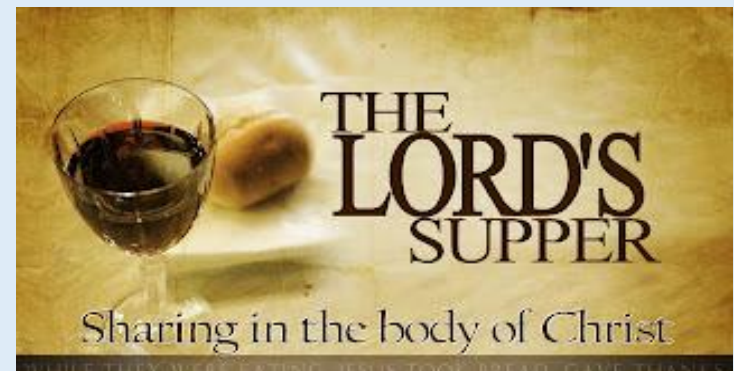
Worship Date/Time	Acolyte	Elder on Duty	Communion Assistant	Usher Captain	Greeter	Altar Guild
Feb. 4: 5:00 pm Feb. 5: 9:00 am	Donovan Rausch Simon Kroes	Tom Harrmann Bart Nielsen	Dan Seibert Lee Weinig	Jerry Maynard Steve Sexmith	Barb Kester Jane Nielsen	Philip & Mary Conradt Gail Burrows
Feb. 11: 5:00 pm Feb. 12: 9:00 am	Cecelia Street Ava Schmidt	Tom Harrmann Bart Nielsen	Vance Pues Blaine Henkel	Lee Colby Dave Collingwood	Dan & Peggy Dahms Rosemary Collingwood	Philip & Mary Conradt Gail Burrows
Feb. 18: 5:00 pm Feb. 19: 9:00 am Feb. 22: 9:00 am 6:30 pm	Payton Length Emma Schmidt Mirella Taschner	Tom Harrmann Bart Nielsen	Bruce Buksyk Dave Collingwood	Roger Voigt Jim Wittmann Voigt/Wittmann	JoAnn Schultz Connie Henkel	Philip & Mary Conradt Gail Burrows Jean Zeinert Philip & Mary Conradt
Feb. 25: 5:00 pm Feb. 26: 9:00 am	Maya Torres Melani Gast	Tom Harrmann Bart Nielsen	Lee Colby Ron Kraus	Tom Harrmann Lee Weinig	Betty Allen Volunteer Needed	Philip & Mary Conradt Peggy Dahms Gail Burrows

Altar Guild Help Needed

Trinity is in dire need of volunteers to serve on our Altar Guild team. Tasks are:

- Saturdays: Set-up and reset the altar
- Sundays: Clean up communion and deliver flowers to a designated member of Trinity

Setting the Lord's Table is truly an honor and blessing. Please contact Mary Conradt or Jean Zeinert at (920) 722-2662 to become a member of our team.





Catechetical Comments

A Series

THE APOSTLES' CREED

This month we continue our look at The Apostles' Creed and consider the following question: *Who is God?*

93. *Who is God?*

The *Small Catechism* continues its answer to this question by saying:

In His Word God has told us that He is

B. eternal (without beginning and without end)

It then offers the following Scripture passages in support of this answer:

Ps. 90:1-2 – Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

1 Tim. 1:17 – To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The eternal character of God, while clearly taught in Scripture (as evidenced by the above passages among many others), is yet a challenging concept for us. This is principally true because there's nothing like it within the realm of our own personal experience.

From the time of our birth, everything in our lives is constrained by time and expressed by time parameters.

Each of us knows when we entered this world; our life has a beginning, and we all know that one day we will experience our last day on this earth; our life has an ending.

Every year has a beginning and ending. Every month has a beginning and ending, each week has a beginning and ending, every day has a

beginning and ending. What time do you wake up in the morning? What time do you go to bed at night? When does your work week begin? When does it end? When does your work day begin? When does it end?

Everything in our life has a beginning and an ending. So, how can we relate to a God that has no beginning or ending?

This is one of the reasons that Christ came to earth. His earthly life had a beginning and an ending. He, too, lived a timebound existence, just as we do. Because of His incarnation, we have a God we can relate to.

But, beyond this, His eternal character has particular benefits which may comfort us.

Since He is eternal, He never changes. Malachi 3:6—"I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed." God is merciful and gracious *always* and will never be otherwise. Unlike our fellow creatures, who can be kind and gentle one moment and fierce and unforgiving the next, God does not change. Seasons change, economies change, politics change, people change. Everything changes . . . except God.

In this life we will have fairweather friends – friends who are there for us one minute, but gone the next. People will pledge never to leave us nor forsake us, but, when it suits them, they do just that. How many couples pledge their lives to one another, only to forsake those vows as soon as honoring them becomes too much of a challenge?

Only God is faithful forever. He is the friend who sticks closer than a brother (Pro. 18:24). Only God is completely reliable . . . and always will be. ✠

Humbly in His service,
Rev. Steven S. Billings
Senior Pastor

Lent 2023



From the School Principal A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth LSB #438

v. 1: A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
The guilt of sinners bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth,
None else the burden sharing;
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer,
He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,
The mockery, and yet replies,
“All this I gladly suffer.”

Gladly suffer. I don't know about you, but those are two words I don't usually use together! I am not gladly suffering all that is going on in our country and world right now. I am more whining and complaining. It makes what Jesus did for us all the more amazing. For He who did “gladly suffer” all this for us and for our good went through an awful lot more than we are! He was, as the hymnwriter put it, *laden with the sins of earth - all the earth. Led to slaughter. Bearing stripes, wounds, lies, and mockery.* Hung on a cross for you and me. But, ah! That's exactly why He could “gladly suffer” all this - it was for us. It was so that we could be His own. His love for you so great that He would do this for you. That's incredible, isn't it? Think of people today who go to great lengths for the people they love. Yet that is not even a drop in the ocean of what Jesus did for you as the Lamb of God. Remember that the next time you are feeling down or unloved. Yes, you have a Savior who loves you that much. So that you could be with Him forever.



Midweek Series: *Our Ordinary Lenten Exodus*

(These services will combine the story of God's rescue of the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt, with Jesus' rescue of us from our slavery to sin and death, and how that great rescue is presented to us in the "ordinaries" of the liturgy.)



Ash Wednesday

“I Almost Got Away with It”

February 22, 2023 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM

Joel 2:12-19; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Lent 1

“Our Ordinary Lenten Exodus: The Kyrie”

March 1 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM

Exodus 1:8-14; 2:23-25; Mark 10:46-52

Lent 2

“Our Ordinary Lenten Exodus: The Gloria”

March 8 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM

Exodus 14:30-15:21; Luke 2:8-14

Lent 3

“Our Ordinary Lenten Exodus: The Creed”

March 15 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM

Exodus 3:1-6, 13-15; Matthew 16:13-18, 21-23

Lent 4

“Our Ordinary Lenten Exodus: The Sanctus”

March 22 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM

Exodus 19:16-20; 20:18-21; Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 21:1-11

Lent 5

“Our Ordinary Lenten Exodus: the Agnus Dei”

March 29 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM

Exodus 12:1-13, 21-27; John 1:29-36

Maundy Thursday

“Everything Old Is New Again”

April 6 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM

Exodus 24:3-11; Hebrews 9:11-22; Matthew 26:17-30

Good Friday

“When Push Comes to Shove, God is Love”

April 7 Good Friday – TreOre 12:00-3:00PM

Good Friday Vespers 6:30PM

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; John 18-19

Easter Vigil

“The Night That Changed Everything”

April 8 5:00 PM

Easter

“The More Things Change . . .”

April 9 6:30 AM 9:00 AM

Luke 24:1-12; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Isaiah 65:17-25

Stewardship Talk – Feb 2023 Newsletter

From Matthew 25..." And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers,^[a] you did it to me.'"

Your Board of Stewardship is always encouraging you to make use of the gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure that our Lord has blessed you with. But, do you ever wonder "Is my effort accomplishing anything??" Over the next few months, the Board will be sharing with you the ways that God uses whatever we give, in ways that we could never imagine. This month, a story from our Food Pantry... *I've been helping out at our Food Pantry for several years now and I'd like to share a story with you about a woman that has been impacted by this mission; I'll call her "Darlene".*

Darlene was the last person in line, her head was down, and she hesitated as she gave her name at our registration table. As she started going through the line, getting a bag of non-perishable food and then started to fill a box with cereal, produce, bakery, deli & meat; I could see her eyes filling with tears. I helped her carry her food to her car and struck up a conversation.

*She sniffled, then said, "I'm sorry, it's just that I have always been someone who **donates** to Food Drives, and I never thought that I'd be on **this** side. I just didn't know what else to do, my ex left me with a pile of debt and has never paid any child support and now he's in jail. I've been working 2 jobs, but I'm still going backwards." I hugged her and told her that I was glad that she came, and we continued to talk for quite a while. I reassured her that we will be here for as long as she needs us and she thanked me over and over.*

It's been a few years now since I met Darlene. Life still isn't easy for her, but whenever she comes to the Pantry, she always tells me how much she appreciates us, how it has helped ease her financial burden and she thanks God that we're here for her.

It is, of course, our God, working through His Holy Spirit, that has impacted Darlene, both physically and spiritually. However, Darlene's story, and stories of many others like her, are only possible because Trinity's pantry is there. And, our Pantry is only there because of those of you who heard our Lord speaking to your hearts, and then responded with your Time, Talent and Treasure given to this ministry. Listen for what God is speaking to your heart....and watch for another story next month of how our Lord is marvelously using our simple gifts. Blessings on your week!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 2022

	<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	<u>DEPOSITS/INCOME</u>	<u>WITHDRAWALS/EXPENSES</u>	<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>
Nicolet General Fund	\$12,922.96	\$77,525.38	(\$81,220.13)	\$9,228.21
Nicolet Restricted Funds	\$136,406.02	\$15,627.04	(\$39,224.11)	\$112,808.95
LCMS Endowment Fund	\$107,441.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$107,441.66
LCEF Steward Fund	\$1,055.93	\$7,054.65	(\$7,414.10)	\$696.48
Nicolet Money Market	\$235,445.12	\$71.20	(\$5,000.00)	\$230,516.32
RBC Wealth	\$39,745.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,745.43
Nicolet Memorial Fund	\$6,457.16	\$301.93	\$0.00	\$6,759.09
Nicolet Office Acct	\$2,521.20	\$300.63	\$0.00	\$2,821.83
Nicolet Debts Repaid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Nicolet Think Tank	\$3,184.42	\$0.92	\$0.00	\$3,185.34
Nicolet Scrip	\$11,018.31	\$29,358.00	(\$28,669.17)	\$11,707.14
TOTAL	\$556,198.21	\$130,239.75	(\$161,527.51)	\$524,910.45
LCEF Mortgage (BOTR)	\$941,621.79		(4,569.62)	\$937,052.17

Stepping On!

Are you afraid of falling? Have you fallen in the past year? If yes, then we have a workshop for you! The Stepping On Program is a falls prevention program that has been researched and proven to reduce falls by 30%! In just 7 weekly, 2-hour sessions, Stepping On gives you strategies for avoiding falls including balance and strength exercises, home safety check suggestions, medication review, and more. Guest experts including a physical therapist and pharmacist and others visit over the course of the seven sessions providing falls prevention information and strategies for avoiding a fall. The workshop is designed specifically for people who age 60 or older and have fallen and have a fear of falling. Participants can expect to leave with more strength, better balance, and a feeling of confidence and independence.

When: Feb 3-Mar 17, Fridays from 9-11 am

Where: Menasha City Hall, 100 Main St, Menasha

There is a \$15 suggested donation that can be brought to the first day of class. To register for Stepping On, contact Winnebago County Health Department @ 920-232-3000

Good Shepherd - Oshkosh, is starting off 2023 debt-free!

On Saturday, February 18, from 11 AM-2PM, we will be celebrating the paying off our mortgage. Join us as we worship God, fellowship over His goodness, and feast on some delicious pulled pork, beans, and more.

There will also be a raffle benefiting Calvary Chapel, the LCMS student and international ministry outreach at University of Wisconsin-Madison

Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/XdJGNxpAFV9RH6XB9> to help us plan for the food and meal seating.

Passover Seder Evening Led by Pastor Parvis

Lutherans in Jewish Evangelism
www.lje.org



**HOSTED BY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
300 BROAD ST. MENASHA**



**Sunday March 12, 2023
4:00 pm Sign in
4:30 pm Passover Seder Begins
Meal Approx. 6:00 pm**

cost: \$15 per person

An informative evening showing the Jewish roots of the
Last Supper

Menu: Matzo Ball Soup; Baked Chicken, Roast Leg of Lamb w/Mint Jelly,
Baby Red Potatoes, Carrots & Applesauce

**Limited seating. RSVP by March 8th
Call Trinity's Church office @ 920-722-2662
to make your reservation.**

Reservations Required Deadline March 6th

SAVE THE DATE!

Congregation is Invited!

LWML Zone 11 Spring Rally

Saturday, April 22, 2023

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300 Broad Street • Menasha, WI 54952

Parking on Broad Street and in Back Parking Lot Off of Broad Street
Handicapped Parking Lot and Entry on Tayco Street

RSVP by April 14, 2023

Registration Opens at 8:45 AM

Devotion at 9:15 AM

Breakfast Brunch to Follow



**“Something Wonderful Happened Here;
A Visit to The Holy Land”**
Reverend Timothy and Deb Kinne

Gifts From the Heart

**Donations to Benefit Trinity Food Pantry &
Harbor House Domestic Abuse Shelter, Appleton**

- Twin Fitted & Flat Sheets
- Standard Bed Pillows
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Detergent
- Dishwasher Pods and Detergent
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Kleenex
- Deodorant (Men & Women's)
- Hair Conditioner
- Bar Soap
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste



Love to Sing? Aren't Hymns a Delight to Sing?

Join us on 3 February (Friday night) 🎵 🎵

🎵 at 7pm to experience
Trinity Monthly Friday Hymn-Sing!

Pastor will begin with a brief devotion

Followed by Call-Outs from YOU!

🎵 🎵 II: What's YOUR favorite hymn??

We'll sing 2 stanzas! :|| 🎵

*(these are repeat signs – we'll keep picking people
to call out their favorite hymns, and sing 2 stanzas
... for 1 ½ hours!)*

Oh ... Reception follows in the Narthex!! 🎵

Any questions, call or see

Bart, 920-734-8843 or Rose, 608-213-2644



LATEST NEWS

- During the Christmas break Robyn and Walter traveled to Nairobi for a needed break and a special meeting.
- We enjoyed Christmas Eve service at the cathedral church in Kisumu, joining the local community to celebrate our Saviour's birth.
- Walter traveled to Shinyanga, Tanzania in January to teach. See the article on this page.
- While in Shinyanga, he met with the Diocesan leadership for intense discussions about the new seminary.
- We ask your prayers for Walter as he leads a Partners' Council, coordinating LCMS efforts to support this work.
- Robyn worked steadily, keeping up her professional qualifications while he was gone. He was gone, so she got it done!



To be added to or removed from this mailing list, send an email message to Walter.Steele@lcms.org with the word ADD or REMOVE in the subject line.

Teaching in Tanzania



BIBLE TEACHING AT TANZANIA TRAINING CENTRE

During the Christmas break, Walter taught 43 students of the Southeast of Lake Victoria Diocese, in Tanzania. Over several weeks, he lectured on the Five Books of Moses and on Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. The courses are part of a series of classes training pastors and deaconesses in Bible, theology and practical ministry. This programme is in conjunction with Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The challenge of teaching this cohort of students was that all instruction was in Swahili. So, with the assistance of a translator, and with what language knowledge he has, he engaged the students in the Word of God. They learned the books and they learned how to see Jesus in the Old Testament!

The Bishop Makala Training Centre, where he taught, is about an hour's drive from the town of Shinyanga in the northwest part of Tanzania. Walter had to fly to the city of Mwanza, on the shores of Lake Victoria, via Nairobi, Kenya and Arusha, Tanzania, which is close to the base of Mount Kilimanjaro.

While in the region, Walter visited a site for the construction of a new seminary in Tanzania, tentatively named Shinyanga Lutheran Seminary. He also visited a children's home for albino children—a very needy group in the country. See a story about that visit on the next page.



Students gathered with Dr. Steele after the course



DEEP THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

During the Fall semester, Walter has been assisting in a new programme providing advanced theological education for African pastors. These men are studying so that they might earn a Master of Arts in Theology from our Saint Louis Seminary.

Most of the courses are online, with Walter and two other missionaries tutoring alongside. But in January, the men met in-person with Dr. Joel Elowsky in Nairobi. It is a joy to work with these men at this level of teaching.

MINISTRY TO ALBINO CHILDREN IN TANZANIA



Ancient superstitions die hard. Albino people in Tanzania are socially alienated and discriminated against. Some have even been killed, with their body parts used in pagan rituals.

The Lutheran Church stands against this sin. In response to the need, the Shinyanga Diocese has, with assistance from LCMS, built a children's home in Mwadui to care for and to educate these children. The home is on the grounds of the church-sponsored secondary school, so to adulthood, these children receive loving Christian care. The children live in groups of 16 in a home-like environment, with a house mother. During school breaks, the children are reconnected with their biological families.

While in Tanzania, Walter toured both the home and the schools. It is a joy to partner with fellow Lutherans who demonstrate the love of Christ in such a concrete way.

Remember, you can help us continue to teach future church workers here in Africa by your prayers and financial support at:

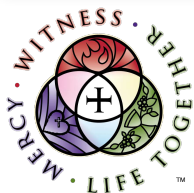
lcms.org/givenow/steele

Or at the **world-famous Mission Central**

MISSION CENTRAL

40718 Highway E-16

Mapleton IA 51034



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

To support the LCMS through the work of Walter & Robyn Steele, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Mark checks "Support of Walter & Robyn Steele." Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website, on my online giving page at lcms.org/Steele.