



Pastor's Message: J.K. Wilhelm Loehe

A couple of years ago I was in Michigan and attended worship at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth (before having Sunday dinner at Zender's). St. Lorenz is a very large, beautiful church with magnificent stained glass windows, windows that offer pictures of many figures from Lutheran history. One of those people is Rev. Wilhelm Loehe, who is remembered on January 2ⁿ (the day he died). Below is a brief sketch of who Loehe was from the book [Celebrating the Saints](#) by William Weedon (CPH 2016) and why he is important to our church. Happy New Year and God's blessings throughout 2024.

Your Fellow Servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Dan".

Pastor Dan

January 2: On this day, we remember a nineteenth-century Lutheran named J. K. Wilhelm Loehe, Pastor.



Born in 1808, Wilhelm Loehe came to maturity at a time when the theological "leadership" of the Lutheran Church in Germany was largely in the grip of Rationalism. To give a sense of how bad that could be, one of his contemporaries (C.F.W. Walther) described hearing sermons on such stirring topics as the profitableness of raising potatoes! And it only grew worse by the year.

Yet, in this barren wasteland, the Lord raised up faithful servants, among whom was Loehe. Though he never left his German homeland, Loehe, shaped by the mind of the Church, dreamed big. His heart turned to the plight of North America. He organized the sending of pastors to help gather the many Lutheran immigrants in the new land into congregations and to begin mission work among the Native Americans in Michigan. He helped found a practical seminary to meet the massive need for pastors (Concordia Theological Seminary of Fort Wayne, Indiana, is the result of his work). He organized deaconess houses and helped the sisters to undertake all kinds of charitable work, above all caring for orphans and the aged. For Loehe, the service of love flowed naturally and inevitably from the Divine Service.

He wrote an explanation to Luther's Catechism, revised the liturgy, and published a popular prayer book, *Seed-grains of Prayer*. Perhaps his greatest work is *Three Books on the Church*. In it, he provides a thoughtful meditation on the glory of the Bride of the Christ and the role of the Lutheran Church within the church catholic.

He died January 2, 1872, having served his beloved parish in Neuendettelsau for some thirty-five years. Today's prayer comes from his hand.

Most glorious Trinity, in Your mercy we commit to You this day our bodied and souls, all our ways and goings, all our deeds and purposes. We pray You, so open our hearts and mouths that we may praise Your name, which above all names is holy. And since You have created us for the praise of Your holy name, grant that our lives may be for Your honor and that we may serve You in love and fear; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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Student Report

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This I Believe

In September I had the opportunity to attend a Leadership retreat, where future leaders were equipped with different tools and situations to aid us in developing our leadership skills. We completed high ropes courses (jumping from 14' tall platforms in climbing gear) and team-building exercises (playing massive Jenga with our partner blindfolded). In addition, we attended mini-seminars on skills such as goal-setting, communication and problem-solving.

One seminar was focused on public speaking, in which we had 10 minutes to plan, prepare, and deliver a 1 – 2 minute speech in front of the group. Our given topic was “This is Believe”. We listened to an audio file of this 6-year-old boy named Tarak McLain who lists 50 ‘I Believe’ statements. [Here's](#) a link to the written essay. (Or search “Tarak McLain This I Believe” and check out the “This I Believe.org” site).

I would encourage all of you to take 10 minutes to write down what you believe and post it somewhere you see every day. Mine is hanging on the wall above my computer here at school. This can take any format you want. Some people focused on expanding upon one thought, while others made a poem. There is no right or wrong, just a moment to put on paper some of your beliefs.

When we confess the Nicene or Apostle’s Creed (or the Athanasian once every year) we are agreeing to share the same belief with all other brothers and sisters in Christ. This core belief shapes our thoughts and words, and shines through every action that we take. While our personal beliefs may cover other topics, the foundational structure remains the same. We hold fast to these ideas, as we use them to guide our paths. What are some of your personal creeds?

This I Believe, by Alana Holt

I believe that I am exactly where I need to be right now. I believe in friendships that transcend time and distance; that grow stronger in silence. I believe that God’s power is all-encompassing and that He loves each one of us in spite of our flaws. I believe that we are called to love our neighbor, even when they look different. I believe in sunsets, toes in the sand, cocoa by the fire, and fall leaves. I believe that each snowflake is unique, and necessary. I believe in a common goal, a shared enemy, and agreeing to disagree. I believe in compromise. I believe that emotions make us stronger; that we were never made to walk alone. I believe in the calm and sadness of 3 am meteor showers. I believe that nothing can be fixed with just a hug, but nothing can be broken either. I believe that fleeting friendships are cathartic and I hope that one day you will remember me.

Alana Holt - Concordia, St. Paul



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The 31 ladies and girls who attended the LWML Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 2, 2023.



The Cañon City High School Madrigal Singers treated St. John with a beautiful musical performance on Saturday, December 2, 2023.

January Happy Birthdays!

- Jan. 2 - Gabriel Mize
- Jan. 6 - Tedi Tormohlen
- Jan. 6 - Larry Vargas
- Jan. 10 - Ethan Urban
- Jan. 12 - Nancy Mowers
- Jan. 21 - Toni Davidson
- Jan. 30 - Collin Leason



January Happy Anniversaries!

- Jan. 7 - Joe & Lucy Brown
- Jan. 12 - Bill & Chris Puschak





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Installation of Officers: On January 7th, the first Sunday of 2024, we will be installing ALL officers of the congregation. Whether you are continuing or were newly elected, please be here for installation.

Church Council Officers for 2024:

President	Nathan Pegors	Chair. of Trustees	Bob Kirkegaard
Vice President	Liv Booth	Chair. of Evangelism	Gail Kirkegaard
Secretary	Kerri Leason	Board of Elders	Brandon Booth Curtis Eulert
Treasurer	Nichole Harms		David Lehmpuhl Allan Tormholen
Chair. of Education	Nathan Pegors		Rod Willard
Chair. of Missions	Julie Barrett	Financial Secretary	Jerry & Donna Heldt

Attendance:

Sunday

Nov. 19- 84
 Nov. 26 - 82
 Dec. 3 - 63
 Dec. 10- 67
 Dec. 17- 83
 Dec. 24- 113 & 69
 Dec. 25- 41

Wednesday

Nov. 22 - 42 (Thanksgiving Eve)
 Dec. 6 - 9 & 40
 Dec. 13- 10 & 29
 Dec. 20- 14 & 40

We Welcome All in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank you for blessing us with your presence at worship. Please sign our guestbook, and take a visitor packet.

Special Prayers: Please contact Pastor Dan prior to the Sunday services to include any special prayers.

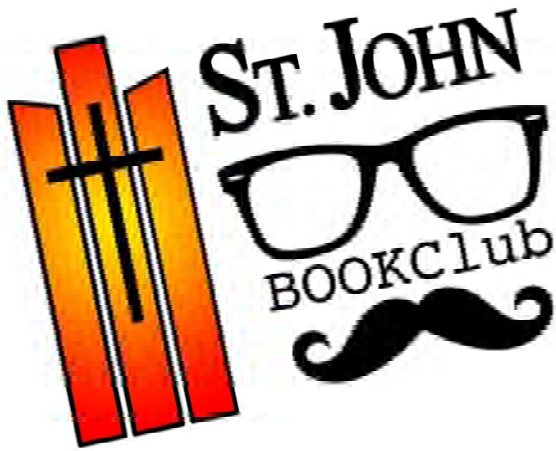
Ride to Church: If you or another member you know needs transportation to church on Sundays, please call Ken Davidson at 719-429-4919.

Announcements: Please e-mail announcements for the Sunday bulletins and monthly newsletters to Office@StJohnCanonCity.org. Sarah makes the bulletins and Gail makes the newsletters. Thank You.

Missionaries: Please remember to pray for JP and Aimee Cima in Cambodia and Chuck and Cheryl Ferry in Taiwan, asking God to protect them all and use them to spread His gospel.

Prayer Chain: For prayer concerns we have a phone chain and an e-mail chain. Please contact one of the following: **Phone:** Mary Richardson, (719) 269-1426, **E-mail:** [Carolyn Westlund, 1956cew@gmail.com](mailto:CarolynWestlund@1956cew@gmail.com) .

Food Bank: The first Sunday of every month is when we share our blessings with the needy in our community. Please bring basics such as sugar, flour, or canned food for the box near the mailboxes.



December & January 2023

Here is what is happening at the BOOKClub:

The next book on our list is Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy (ISBN 978-1400224647) by Eric Metaxas. After reading his biography on Luther, the group is very excited to read his biography on Bonhoeffer. The description reads:

As Adolf Hitler and the Nazis seduced a nation, bullied a continent, and attempted to exterminate the Jews of Europe, a small number of dissidents and saboteurs worked to dismantle the Third Reich from the inside. One of these was Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a pastor and author.

In this New York Times bestselling biography, Eric Metaxas takes both strands of Bonhoeffer's life--the theologian and the spy--and draws them together to tell a searing story of incredible moral courage in the face of monstrous evil.

In Bonhoeffer, Metaxas presents the fullest account of Bonhoeffer's life, including his:

- heart-wrenching decision to leave the safe haven of America to return to Hitler's Germany
- involvement in the famous Valkyrie plot and in "Operation 7," the effort to smuggle Jews into neutral Switzerland
- lifelong dedication to sharing the tenets of his faith

Praise for Bonhoeffer:

"Metaxas has created a biography of uncommon power--intelligent, moving, well researched, vividly written, and rich in implication for our own lives. Or to put it another way: Buy this book. Read it. Then buy another copy and give it to a person you love. It's that good." --Archbishop Chaput, author, First Things

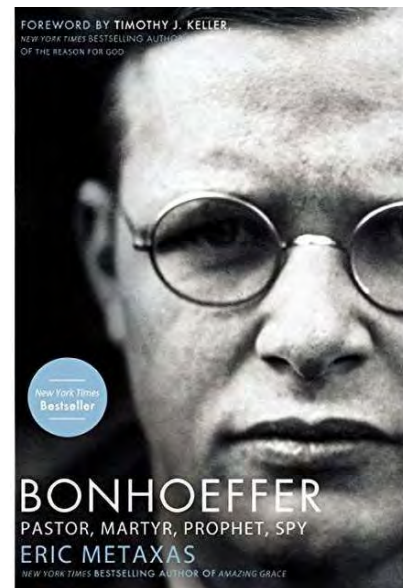
"Metaxas tells Bonhoeffer's story with passion and theological sophistication." --Wall Street Journal

"Metaxas presents Bonhoeffer as a clear-headed, deeply convicted Christian who submitted to no one and nothing except God and his Word." --Christianity Today

Used copies are available on Amazon for \$14-\$15, a Kindle edition for \$15, and an Audible audiobook for \$7. If you have any problems finding a copy, please call Pastor Dan.

It is rather long, so start soon!! The date for discussing this book is Wednesday January 17th, 6:30pm.

Pick up a book & join us at the BOOKClub!





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Things To Do

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Every Member is needed! Some of these need more people!

- Acolyte** - Altar candle-lighting duty for pre-teen and teen boys and girls at worship services. See Pastor Dan.
- Adult Bible Class** - Age 18 and older meet on Sunday mornings at 10:30am after our time of fellowship.
- Adult Choir** - Join your voice with others on special festivals, directed by Liv Booth, (314) 973-6930..
- Altar Guild** - Prepare communion, vestments, candles, banners, etc. for worship. Mary R., (719) 269-1426.
- Audio-Visual** - Operate the slides and video production during worship service. Contact Pastor Dan.
- Book Club** - Meet to discuss books at 6:30 pm about once per month in member homes or at church.
- Car Show** - An annual fundraiser on the church grounds that needs many helpers. Carol S., (719) 320-9812.
- Childrens' Choir** - Community group that meets at St. John on Mondays at 4:00 pm. Liv Booth, (314) 973-6930.
- Christmas Program** - Help prepare or take a part in the Sunday School program. Nathan P., (952) 738-1424.
- Church Council** - Serve on one of the church boards, or as President, Vice President, or Council Secretary.
- Communications** - Website, newsletter, Facebook, publish events in The Daily Record. Gail, (720) 201-8743.
- Confirmation** - Teens meet at church on most Mondays at 6:30pm - 7:30pm with Pastor for instruction.
- Door Keeper** - Greet people approaching church and open the door for them. Brandon, (314) 973-7294.
- Elders** - Men age 21+ who assist the Pastor with the spiritual life of the congregation. See Pastor Dan.
- Evangelism** - Carry out evangelism programs in the church and community. Gail K. (720) 201-8743.
- Fellowship** - Serve refreshments after worship, and during special events. Carol Skoda, (719) 320-9812.
- Garage Sale** - An annual fundraiser at St. John that needs many helpers. Richard Mowers, (719) 458-1618.
- Greeter** - Welcome members and visitors in the narthex area and offer them a worship bulletin. See Pastor Dan.
- LWML** - Women's Auxiliary of the LCMS supports synod missions. Contact Angela Bellantoni, (719) 429-8950.
- Men's Breakfast** - Men of St. John have breakfast at church about twice a month at 7:00 am on Thursdays.
- Missions** - Direct monetary resources for the missionaries and missions we support. Julie B., (714) 431-1169.
- Morning Prayer** - Almost every weekday at 7:30am in the sanctuary. Come start your day with prayer!
- Nursery** - Volunteers to assist parents who take their children to the nursery or might need help with children.
- Quilters** - Group constructs dozens of quilts annually for charities and individuals. Sue Willard, (231) 714-1562.
- Readers** - Read assigned Scripture passages at the lectern during worship services. Contact Pastor Dan.
- Sunday School** - Classes for kids at 10:30am after worship and refreshments. Nathan Pegors, (952) 738-1424.
- Teach** - Help children learn about their Savior, Preschool through High School. Call Nathan P., (952) 738-1424.
- Trustees** - Oversee maintenance, repair, cleaning of buildings and grounds. Contact Bob K. (720) 201-8104.
- Ushers** - Assist people with special needs, direct worshipers for communion during services.
- Vacation Bible School** - A short-term educational activity that needs children and volunteers every summer.
- Wednesday Bible Class** - At 10:00am Wednesdays with Pastor Dan.
- Youth Group** - St. John High Schoolers meet on Wednesdays at 6:00pm.

Birthday and Anniversary lists for your reference. This will not be available in every issue of the newsletter.

ST. JOHN BIRTHDAYS

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ST. JOHN ANNIVERSARYS

JAN

2 - Gabriel Mize
6 - Tedi Tormohlen
6 - Larry Vargas
10 - Ethan Urban
12 - Nancy Mowers
21 - Toni Davidson
30 - Collin Leason

FEB

2 - Lily Booth
2 - Alexander Wright
10 - Valerie Langley
11 - Lenny Williams
12 - Emmanuel Urban
14 - Nate Harms
14 - Ada Pendarvis
16 - Elizabeth Wallestad
18 - Sherie Huebner
18 - Carla Lehmpuhl
25 - Doris Cunningham
25 - Nancy Schmidt
26 - Florence Pegors

MAR

4 - Jack Jones
8 - Isaac Larson
14 - Kevin Wright
20 - Myron Martinson
21 - Sage Rosales
22 - Emmie Leason
24 - Dawn Atkinson
25 - Chris Pushchak
28 - Dan Kletke
28 - Ethan Moffit
29 - Destynie Larson
30 - Ryan Lehmpuhl
31 - Donna Heldt

APR

1 - Gordon Gross
3 - Ted Schmidt
5 - Torben Booth
11 - Arlene Stolp
12 - Søren Booth
16 - Bill Barrett
24 - Natalie Urban
25 - Pat Schuch
27 - Dustin Kletke

MAY

4 - Elias Urban
5 - Ean Urban
8 - Dale Kletke
8 - Nathan Pegors
8 - Bill Pushchak
9 - Sue Poehlein
9 - Carol Skoda
16 - Lori Holt
23 - Sandy Smith
25 - Carolyn Westlund
29 - Gerri Haynie
30 - Doug Westlund

JUN

1 - June Maw
3 - Richard Mowers
3 - Annie Wood
6 - Martha Kletke
11 - Elliot Wright
12 - Jerry Heldt
12 - Susan Smiley
14 - Brandon Booth
16 - Danny Walker
20 - Sandra Kohler
21 - Alana Holt
26 - Lyle Stuehrenberg
28 - Andrew Pape
28 - Lily Rosales
29 - Bob Huebner

JUL

1 - Zachary Larson
2 - Bob Kirkegaard
7 - Jericho Leason
7 - Sharleen Vargas
10 - Sean Kane
10 - Orgene Reimers
10 - Deb Taft
13 - Mary Richardson
16 - Julie Barrett
20 - Maddy Leason
21 - Lynne Dreger
22 - Anita Schneider-Jahn
28 - Ann Eulert
31 - Peter Gammell

AUG

1 - Dave Lehmpuhl
3 - Kerrie Leason
5 - Linda Beermann
7 - Liv Booth
9 - Brianna Jones
18 - Heather Pegors
26 - Sharon Martinson
29 - Curtis Eulert
30 - Sue Willard

SEP

2 - Tricia Kletke
4 - Joe Brown
4 - Jim Estes
4 - Luke Lehmpuhl
5 - Lynn Wetters
10 - Hannah Willard
20 - Rain Rosales
24 - Matt Harms
25 - Dietrich Kletke
28 - Leif Booth

OCT

2 - Cody Harms
3 - Ben De Nise
7 - Angela Bellantoni
9 - Ken Davidson
18 - Shirley Shafer
20 - Kathy Walker
21 - Chad Larson
23 - Chuck Poehlein
30 - Tallan Rosales

NOV

1 - Connie Willyard
3 - Justin Jones
4 - Paul Dreger
6 - Gail Kirkegaard
8 - Kay Pape
9 - Solana Pegors
15 - Rachel Gammell
15 - Ken McNeill
15 - Rod Willard
16 - Nichole Harms
16 - Allan Tormohlen
17 - Mona Appel
20 - John Trujillo

DEC

1 - Evelena Langley
8 - Solveig Booth
12 - Ron Smith
13 - Beverly Kane
15 - Jeremiah Jones
16 - Joan Foster
18 - Gene Foster
21 - Judith Crider
22 - Kris Holt
23 - Lucy Brown
23 - Suzie Burks
25 - Mike Critchett
27 - Avery Harms
27 - Linda Stuehrenberg
31 - Amy Wright

Jan 7 - Joe & Lucy Brown

Jan 12 - Bill & Chris Puscchak

Feb 14 - Carroll & Susan Smiley

Feb 27 - Jim Estes & Judith Crider

Mar 3 - Jericho & Kerrie Leason

Mar 17 - Sean & Beverly Kane

Mar 30 - Doug & Carolyn Westlund

Apr 5 - Ken & Toni Davidson

Apr 7 - Paul Lynne Dreger

May 7 - Chuck & Sue Poehlein

May 26 - Dave & Carla Lehmpuhl

Jun 12 - Kevin & Amy Wright

Jun 14 - Nate & Nichole Harms

Jun 16 - Nathan & Heather Pegors

Jun 26 - Jerome & Donna Heldt

Jun 27 - Ted & Nancy Schmdt

Jul 4 - Curtis & Ann Eulert

Jul 14 - Myron & Sharon Martinson

Jul 28 - Bill & Julie Barrett

Aug 4 - Brandon & Liv Booth

Aug 6 - Daryl & Suzie Burks

Aug 6 - Rod & Sue Willard

Aug 7 - Dan & Tricia Kletke

Aug 9 - Bob & Gail Kirkegaard

Aug 12 - Lynn Wetters &

Angela Bellantoni

Aug 15 - Justin & Brianna Jones

Aug 17 - Bob & Sherie Huebner

Aug 27 - Lyle & Linda Stuehrenberg

Aug 28 - Ron & Sandy Smith

Sep 6 - Richard & Nancy Mowers

Sep 6 - Larry & Sharleen Vargas

Sep 7 - Kris & Lori Holt

Oct 25 - Allan & Tedi Tormohlen

Nov 2 - Peter & Rachel Gammell

Nov 17 - Gene & Joan Foster

Nov 28 - Danny & Kathy Walker

Dec 14 - Chad & Destynie Larson



Often when we think of a great gift, we think of things. A pair of shoes. A bicycle. A car. A cell phone. But the best gifts are not things; they are people.

I think of Mary. She was not wealthy or powerful. She was just an average Judean woman from Nazareth, living a normal life. But during one conversation, her entire life changed. First, an angel appeared to her. That's strange. Then, the angel told her she would give birth to a son who would sit on the throne of David. That's crazy. Finally, the angel told her that she would get pregnant miraculously by the power of the Holy Spirit. That's impossible.

Imagine how Mary was feeling just then. Confused about whether this angel was real or she was just going crazy. Worried about how Joseph, her fiancé, would react. Scared

about what others would think. But above all, lonely. Who else could possibly understand what she was going through? Who else had this kind of experience? No one. She was totally alone.

And right at that moment, God gave her a gift. And it wasn't a thing. It was a person: Elizabeth. "Behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Elizabeth was someone who "got it," that is, someone who could understand Mary and what she was going through. These two women could support and encourage each other through the strange events that were yet to come. In their two tummies was the hope of the world, John to announce it and Jesus to accomplish it.

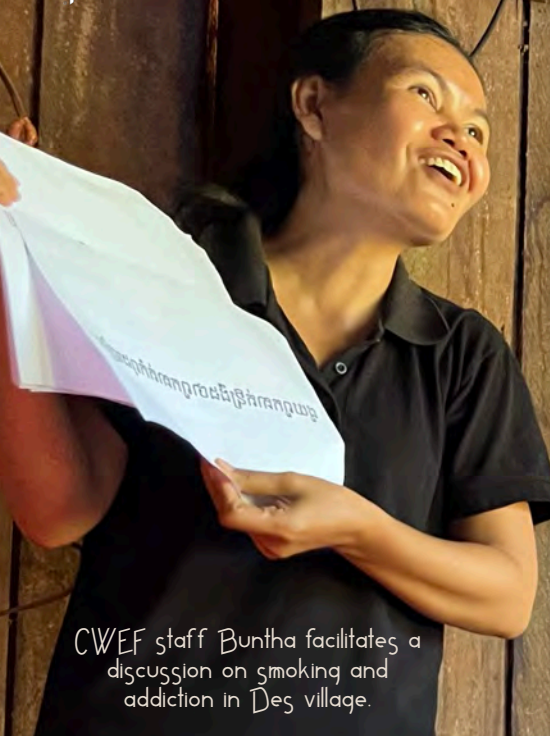
Elizabeth wasn't the only person who Mary was gifted. When Jesus was born, quietly in a manger, shepherds arrived. They didn't know Mary and Mary didn't know them. But they were by Mary's side. Later, when Mary and Joseph presented Jesus at the temple, Simeon came to Mary because he recognized who this child was. At the end of Jesus' life, as he hung on the cross about to die, He gave Mary another gift: a new son. Pointing to John, Jesus said to Mary, "Behold your son." At just the times in Mary's life when she would have been confused, worried, scared, and lonely, God connected her with just the right people who "got it," who could understand Mary and the situation she was in.

Have you ever felt like Mary? Confused, worried, scared, lonely? I have. The best gifts at those times aren't things. A pair of shoes does not take away the confusion. A bicycle doesn't stop the worry. A car doesn't make you less scared. In fact, in Phnom Penh traffic it might make you more scared! A phone doesn't take away the loneliness, no matter how many likes you get or how many people text you.

The best gifts aren't things, rather they are people who get it. But "get" what? Not just Mary and her situation. Each of these people who came into Mary's life "got" something else, too. They knew that the true best gift was a person, the one who was in the womb of Mary, the baby Jesus. Elizabeth got that; she once said to Mary, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." The shepherds got it, too; the angel had told them, "unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Simeon got it. After looking at the baby Jesus, he said, "my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples." John certainly got it, too. In the Gospel that bears his name, he called Jesus "the light that shines in the darkness."

They all got it. Do you? That baby that Mary carried would one day hang on a cross, confused, worried, scared, and lonely, *for you*. Nobody gets it better than Jesus himself, and that's why he is the best gift. This Christmas, God doesn't want you to have just another thing that will one day break or get sold second-hand. He wants to give you a person: His Son, Jesus. He was confused so that you could be sure of your salvation. He was worried so you would never have to worry about his love again. He was scared so that you need not fear his judgment. He was lonely so that you would know that you are never alone. Jesus is Immanuel, God with you. He gets it. He gets you. Today, on Christmas, the baby Jesus is not the thing you want; he is the person you need.

Even across an ocean, your brothers and sisters in Christ in Southeast Asia are united with you in celebrating the birth of Christ. THANK YOU for sending us to join them in proclaiming the baby Jesus to all. Our family wishes you a MERRY CHRISTMAS.



CWEF staff Buntha facilitates a discussion on smoking and addiction in Des village.

Ministry happens on the edges. Aimee again visited border parts of [Ratanakiri Province](#) to assist the work of [Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation](#) (CWEF). There she and the CWEF team visited two [ethnic Jarai](#) communities in which Cambodia Lutheran Church (CLC) congregations are present. The team had visited these communities [earlier this year](#) to assess needs, meeting with some 60 people. One pervasive community problem that came up clearly in those initial meetings was addiction and smoking. Wanting to help the local church and community with tools to address this problem, the team prepared four lessons on the social, economic, and physical impacts of smoking and addiction on the individual and the community. The lessons, led by CWEF's team and Aimee, were developed by the global [Community Health Evangelism](#) (CHE) network. Each lesson started with a role play or activity before moving into the specific content. For example, in order to demonstrate the effects of smoking on the lungs, the team [displayed a plastic water bottle](#) filled with cotton balls. A cigarette was then placed burn-edge up into the bottle, with cotton to hold it in place, and lit. By squeezing the water bottle, air went in and out and the bottle effectively 'smoked' the cigarette. After four cigarettes, the cotton was visibly yellow (see pic). What a powerful visual cue of the





[See more pics here!](#)

impact of cigarettes on the lungs! Moreover, each lesson incorporated Scripture and aimed to be Christ-centered. When teaching on addiction, for example, the team guided participants to relevant Scripture verses, and couched discussion of overcoming addiction in terms of repentance and forgiveness found in Christ. When possible, sessions incorporated [congregational singing](#). This project of CWEF, funded by LCMS, is one example of Aimee's [desire to utilize CHE methodology](#) for community transformation.

SQUARE TWO
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Wanna help us impact the people of Cambodia? Give online [here](#) or mail a check to 1) P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166 (payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod), OR 2) 40718 Highway E-16, Mapleton, IA 51034 (payable to Mission Central). For ALL checks, in the memo line write "Cima family-Cambodia."



Prayers: for Christmas events (a ripe opportunity for witness!) throughout Cambodia in the month of December; for [youth group](#) members facing unemployment in a dismal economy; for next steps in CWEF's work in Ratanakiri; for J.P.'s upcoming travels to Vietnam; for Celeste and Bella's end-of-semester schoolwork; for preparations for the LCMS Asia missionary family retreat taking place in Medan, Indonesia just after the new year.

