

January 2021

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SONLIGHT



Update about WELS work in Vietnam

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the Lord is always with his church. Christians in the Hmong Fellowship Church in Vietnam are continuing to reach out to lost souls. In 2020, the Holy Spirit brought more than 12,000 Hmong people throughout Vietnam to faith in Jesus. The Hmong Fellowship Church has grown from 126,000 to 138,000 members.



Rev. Zang, one of the Hmong leaders, said, “Most of the pastors in the Hmong Fellowship Church have heard many scary things through television and radio about the impact of COVID-19, but they see it as less dangerous when compared to the lost souls who have no chance to hear the gospel before they die.”

Rev. Fong and his evangelism team reached out to many villages in his area. The Lord blessed their efforts, and they were able to establish nine new mission congregations.

The Lord also has provided a way for WELS to continue training the Hmong Fellowship Church leaders. In November, the Vietnam mission team responded to the request of the Hmong Fellowship Church and offered Zoom training to 57 students. WELS provided phones and internet connectivity when needed to allow these students to participate in online training classes. Rev. Joel Nitz taught the gospel of Mark, and Rev. Bounkeo Lor taught law and gospel. Instruction via Zoom is something new for the Hmong Fellowship Church, but the students were very excited. Some students even asked permission for their wives and parents to join the training as well.

While the Hmong Fellowship Church has been tremendously blessed, there are also some big challenges ahead. More than 1,360 leaders are waiting for someone to train them in the Word of God. They are also waiting to build more churches for new believers to worship their Lord. Lor explains that the Hmong Fellowship Church leaders are very skilled at doing evangelism in their communities. With proper training and materials, these men will continue to share God’s Word. The theological education center building project in Vietnam is still active but has been delayed due to COVID-19. Once Lor is able to visit Vietnam, he will arrange a Zoom or face-to-face meeting, if possible, between WELS and Vietnamese representatives. The government also wants to make this project happen as quickly as possible. Lor shares that brothers and sisters in Vietnam send their greetings and say, “Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!” to all WELS members. They appreciate your help and support, especially to train their leaders in the Word of God. They also ask for your continued support and prayers.

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Debra Rotering 6

Megan Steinlicht 6

Anita Lemke 8

Allen Mohr 8

Benjamin Krause 10

Ben Golden 11

Pearl Loging 13

Nicholas Sampson 14

Brian Steinlicht 14

Jonathan Thorn 16

Kristi Henke 17

Abe Weber 17

Andrea Sveen 18

Samuel Hicks 19

Trey Wenzlaff 20

JoAnne Wier 22

Brynlee Kowalski 23

Tim Bakeberg 26

Greg Golden 26

Edith Loging 28

Tyler Berg 28

Roger and Marlene Cadmus January 11

Dan and Stacie Campbell January 29

Bethel Elders' Meeting Minutes
December 14th, 2020 -- via phone

Our meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Cox at 6:01 PM

Elders present: Keith Witte Rollin Barkeim Fred Lintelmann Tim Bakeberg (joined at 6:09 PM)

(Chuck Johnson and Martin Knudsen had work obligations that prevented their participation)

Also attending: Pastor Cox

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the October 12th, 2020 meeting had been emailed out to Elders previously and had been published in the Nov. Sonlight. MMS to approve -- passed.

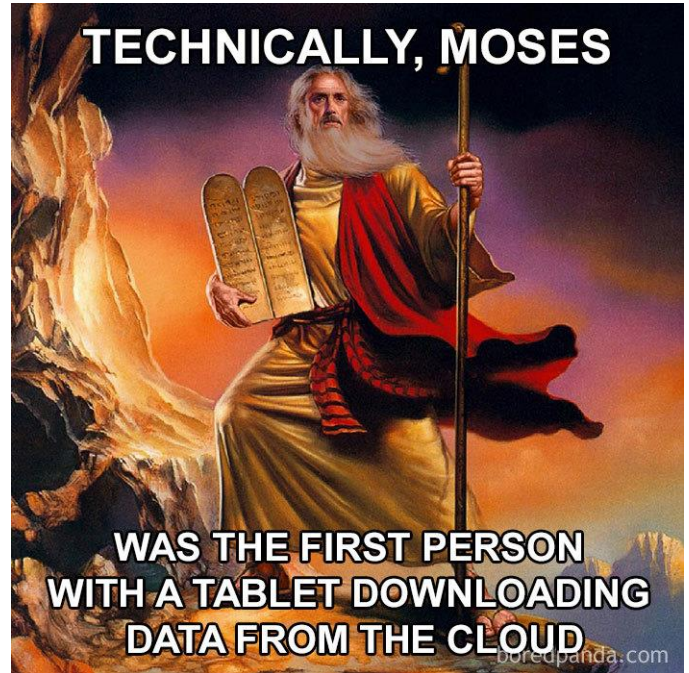
Business items (no particular order of importance):

- Misc. comments regarding members / Elder Care Lists.
- Several members have utilized the private communion option that is available.
- Folks have been utilizing the worship videos and other resources during these COVID-19 restriction(s) period. These are readily available for members and non-members.
A Christmas Eve / Christmas Day video will be produced / available.
- Thrivent Financial has provided a \$250 grant and others some cash support to help families during this Christmas season. Pastor Cox will see to it's distribution.

Our next meeting will be at 6 PM on Monday, February 8th -- via teleconference.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

On the Lighter Side



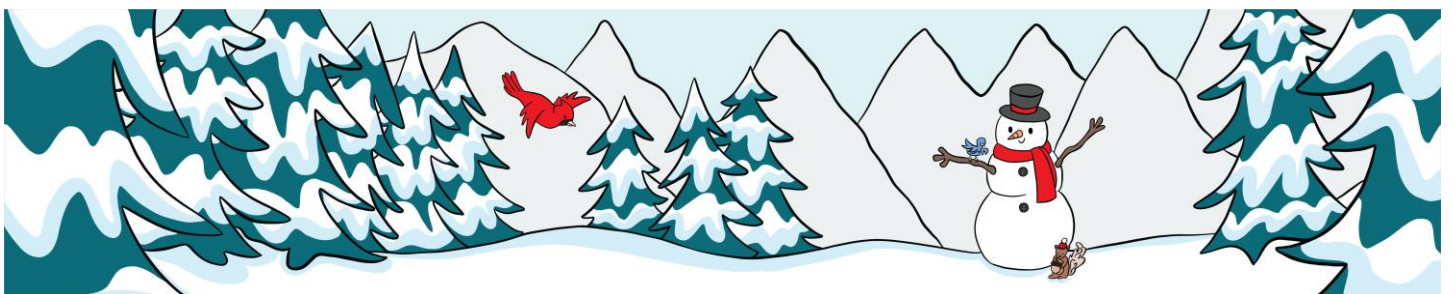
?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

After Jesus healed 10 men at one time, how many returned to thank him? What had been their ailment?

- A. five; blindness
- B. all 10; deafness
- C. one; possession by demons
- D. one; leprosy

Answer: D (See Luke 17:11-19)

Your most powerful testimony is how you treat others after the CHURCH SERVICE is over



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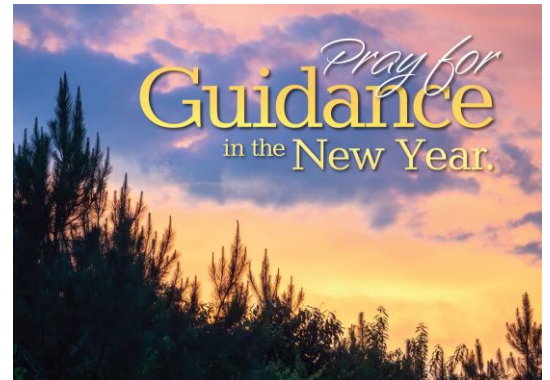
2021

Arcadia

Galesville

Worship 8:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Worship with Communion	4	5 No - Bible Class	6 No Confirmation	7	8 A - Bible Class 9:00 – 10:30 AM	9
10 Worship	11	12 G - Bible Class 9:30 – 11:00 AM G hall used 11:30-1:30	13 Confirmation A – 3:00 – 4:30 PM G – 5:30 – 7:00 PM	14	15 A - Bible Class 9:00 – 10:30 AM	16
17 Worship with Communion	18 G – Church Council mtg. 6 PM	19 G - Bible Class 9:30 – 11:00 AM G hall used 11:30-1:30	20 Confirmation A – 3:00 – 4:30 PM G – 5:30 – 7:00 PM	21	22 A - Bible Class 9:00 – 10:30 AM	23
24 Worship	25	26 G - Bible Class 9:30 – 11:00 AM G hall used 11:30-1:30	27 Confirmation A – 3:00 – 4:30 PM G – 5:30 – 7:00 PM	28 Arcadia Food Pantry 1-4:30 PM	29 A - Bible Class 9:00 – 10:30 AM	30
31 Worship						

Sunday Morning Schedules

Arcadia		
Date	Ushers	Acolyte
1/3/2021	Brian Steinlicht	Robert Mooney
	Michael Steinlicht	
1/20/2021	Charles Johnson	
	Greg Rotering	
1/17/2021	Martin Knudsen	Adyson Sosalla
	Garrett Knudsen	
1/24/2021	Bruce Arnoldy	
	Gary Putz	
1/31/2021	Dan Thorn	Nichole Kasten
	Jonathan Thorn	

Galesville		
Date	Ushers	Cleaning Prior To:
1/3/2021	Duane Fruechte	
	Abe Weber	
1/10/2021	Mike Gilbert	Area 2 – LaVonne Wier
	Shane Harms	
1/17/2021	Russ Johnson	Area 1 – Fred Lintelmann
	Jason O'Brien	
1/24/2021	Tim Bakeberg	Area 1 – Judy Howell
	Reid Bakeberg	
1/31/2021	Fred Lintelmann	Area 1 - Dave Evenson
	Eric Mull	Area 2 – Kay Evenson

