

GOOD TIDINGS OF PEACE

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"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" is a classic Easter hymn based on an ancient Latin text, *Ad regias Agni dapes*, dating back to at least the 6th or 7th century. It was translated into English by Scottish lawyer Robert Campbell in 1849, first published in 1850, and is paired with the 17th-century German tune "Salzburg". The hymn blends Eucharistic and Paschal themes, celebrating Christ as both the sacrificed Passover Lamb and the risen Lord.

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who has washed us in the tide
flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

2 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

3 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!

4 Easter, triumph, Easter Joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!

5 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise, Alleluia!

He is risen; He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacancy Update

Redeemer LC in Rice Lake graciously agreed to help serve Peace in Hayward during our ongoing vacancy. Pastor Seelow and vicar August Biga are conducting services and Bible study:

*Our service time has temporarily shifted to **Saturday afternoons at 4:30 PM, with bible study at 3:30 PM.**

This schedule went into effect on Saturday, January 17th, and we will continue to update everyone as we work out any other details.

Call Update

At the Call Meeting on March 19th, our voters elected to call Rev. Robert Frick to serve as our new pastor. We ask that you keep Pastor Frick, his family, and his current congregation, Mt Calvary Lutheran Church, Waukesha, WI, in your prayers as he deliberates where to serve. His contact information is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule—2026!

Maundy Thursday: Wednesday, April 1 at 4:30 PM

Good Friday: Friday, April 3 at 4:30 PM

Easter: Saturday evening vigil, April 4 at 4:30 PM

*We are having a dinner following our Easter Vigil service on April 4th at 5:30 pm. The church will be providing ham and there is a sign-up sheet posted in the hallway for help with side dishes. All are invited to stay for dinner and some great fellowship time!

Updated Membership Directory

The council will be working to publish an updated membership directory in 2026, but we will need your help first!

Watch for a brief survey in the coming weeks that will assist us in updating our member records—we have a lot of missing information for everyone and need to fill in the gaps.

Peace Hats for Sale

It's almost spring! Add a Peace ball cap to your collection and wear it proudly around town. The hats, available in gray, light blue or tan, are \$10 each. You can pick up yours from the stock on display by the church office.

Volunteers Always Welcome and Needed

Have you been feeling underutilized? You have been given many gifts and talents!!! Opportunities are always available to serve at Peace. If you are so moved, just speak with one of the council members:

- run weekly services/music on the laptop; weekly usher and greeter
- summer yard maintenance, lawnmowing, and other light maintenance tasks
- church cleaning
- editing of audio and video for the church website (Vimeo) and radio program
- webmaster duties

LWMS Spring Rally

Northwest Wisconsin LWMS Spring Rally is slated for Saturday, April 18, 2026. The rally will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Eau Claire. Registration and brunch will start at 8 am with the rally following at 9 am. The focus of the rally will be Branch Lutheran Schools of Haiti.

Ride sharing will be available. Please contact Lois Mueller, LWMS Reporter with questions.

63rd Annual LWMS Convention Website is Open

We are pleased to announce the opening of registration for the 2026 LWMS Convention in Madison, Wisconsin. The web site can be found at <https://63.lwms.org/>

Once on the convention website, you'll find details about workshops, home and world mission speakers, special entertainment, Madison tours and Mission Journeys, volunteer opportunities, and ballot information. To register online, click the link for the Whova registration platform. After completing your registration, you'll receive a confirmation email with details and links to hotel and lodging options in the LWMS room blocks.

Christ-centered Yoga

Do you suffer from stiff joints or muscles? Always wanted to try yoga? Joy Bakken continues to offer an hour-long Christ-centered Yoga 101 class weekly to the entire Hayward Community at Hayward Fitness Fanatics, 15959 Dyno Dr., Hayward, WI 54843.

Class is held Tuesdays from 10-11 am. See Joy with any questions. All abilities are welcome!

Fishing Has No Boundaries

Information and forms are located by the church office—check it out and sign up soon!



CAMM

Happy March!

Wherever you are reading this newsletter from, I hope you are enjoying a change in the seasons. Here in Minnesota, we are finally experiencing some relief from the winter weather. The temperature is warming, the grass is slowly beginning to green back up, and I can imagine the perennial plants beginning to prepare to pop out of the ground and reach once again for the sun. Spring is a good time for us to be reminded to always be reaching for the one and only son, Jesus. With each new day we should be spending time with Jesus, in prayer and giving thanks for all that we have. *Let your heart therefore be wholly devoted to the Lord our God, to walk in His statutes and to keep His commandments, as at this day. 1 Kings 8:61*

Our newsletter this month is written by Jackson Kalekwa, the Clinical Officer in Charge at the Mwembezi Lutheran Mission Rural Health Centre. He writes about the blessings of the laboratory technologies that are helping people identify the reasons behind their symptoms and allowing them to get the treatment they need. Many of these machines were funded, in part, by generous donations from CAMM supporters. What a blessing it is to hear exactly how these tools are being used to heal and help the people of Africa.

Thank you for your continued prayers on behalf of CAMM.

God's Blessing,

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LUTHERAN LABORATORY – A GLIMMER OF HOPE

As one of the two laboratories in our district, we are blessed to serve at Mwembezi Lutheran Mission Rural Health Centre, where our team is driven by compassion and excellence. We see every laboratory test as an opportunity to touch lives, reflecting the love of Christ in our work.

From diagnosing different illnesses, we are not just testing samples, we are offering hope. Our laboratory monitors treatment, progress, empowers patients and gives staff the swift answers they need to heal patients. “For I was sick and you took care of me,” Matthew 25:36 reminds us of our calling.

I recall two patients, one had tuberculosis and one has diabetes. The journey of the two patients turned around. Thanks to our timely diagnosis and care of the tuberculosis patient, the patient was cured in six months. The patient with diabetes was first taken to herbalists (traditional medicine). When the condition became very bad, one teacher who is diabetic visited the family and gave a health education talk on how he started and is now on treatment. He encouraged the family to bring the patient to our laboratory for testing. The patient was brought to clinic in very bad condition. Her glucose was 34.3mmol/L (617.4g/dl). The clinician discussed referring her to a hospital, but the family said they had no money. The patient was admitted at our clinic and put on insulin treatment. She was able to walk within one week, despite muscle atrophy. She is now doing fine and on treatment.

In our laboratory, every test tells a story of struggle, perseverance or victory. Last year, we processed thousands of tests, a small part of God’s bigger plan to bring health and wholeness to our community. From outbreak tracking to community screening, we seek to serve with kindness and accuracy. Our Lutheran laboratory is more than a facility, it’s a ministry of precision, love and service. As we work, we trust in the Healer’s hand guiding every step.

THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE IN THE LABORATORY IN 2025

1. We test for malaria: Any patient found positive with malaria is treated and a follow-up test is done to all neighbors and family members close to the patient. Patients found positive with malaria were 30 out of 739 tested.
2. Urinalysis and stool testing: Patients found with urinary tract infection were 255 and for stool sampling we found 73 cases of intestinal worms.
3. Blood test for syphilis, viral load, CD4 count, Full Blood Count (FBC), sickle cell anemia and iron deficiency anemia. 41 patients tested positive for syphilis. 835 total patients were found with anemia. Blood was drawn for viral load from 940 HIV clients. Out of this number, 24 were found with high viral load. Counseling on adherence was done. Clients who adhered were switched to the second line of treatment. The non-adhering clients were continued with the same antiretroviral drugs.
4. Sputum testing for pulmonary tuberculosis is done at the clinic. When a patient is found positive, she/he is put on treatment and contact tracing is done to all who came in contact with a tuberculosis positive patient. Positive tuberculosis patients should have their sputum tested at regular intervals, to monitor the effectiveness of treatment. Testing typically takes place at the end of the initial intensive phase (2 months), in the middle of the continuation phase (5 months) and at the end of treatment (6 months).

LOOKING FORWARD

Despite success in all that we do in the laboratory, challenges remain. When patients are sent to the laboratory, they go and sit together with TB patients. This is not good as TB is highly contagious. In the lab, we also have sputum specimens, some of which are positive. In the short term, we are looking for ways to separate TB patients from the general population. Long term we may need to consider finding a separate TB testing area.

Jackson Kalekwa
Clinical Officer In Charge

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Maundy-Thursday Service 4:30 pm	2	3 Good Friday Service 4:30 pm	4 Easter Vigil , 4:30 pm Easter Dinner, 5:30 pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Bible Study 3:30 pm Worship Service 4:30 pm
12	13 Church Council 5:00 pm	14	15	16	17	18 LWMS Spring Rally Bible Study 3:30 pm Worship Service 4:30 pm Voter's Meeting 5:30 pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Bible Study 3:30 pm Worship Service 4:30 pm
26	27	28	29	30		
Events	Easter Dinner April 4 th , 5:30 pm	Church Council April 13 th , 5:00 pm	Voter's Meeting April 18 th , 5:30 pm		LWMS Spring Rally 8:00 am, Eau Claire, WI	