

# GOOD TIDINGS OF PEACE

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### Public Ministry and the Divine Call

As I am in the process of Retiring, Peace Lutheran is beginning to "Call" a new Pastor. Our Call Committee will be meeting with District President Michael Jensen on May 8th at a "Pre-Call" Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to inform our District President of the wants and needs of our congregation for our future ministry. Based on this meeting held Prior to the date we actually "Call" a new pastor, the District Presidents of our Synod will offer a slate of candidates to our congregation from which to extend a "Call". The congregation then meets to extend a "Call" to one of these candidates. Once the "Call" is offered, the Pastor prayerfully considers this "Call" in comparison to the "Call" he already serves and decides where in the Kingdom of God he can best serve God's People.

Every Christian is a minister who administers (applies) the Word of God to fellow souls. From "Making disciples of all nations", to being Christ's "Witnesses" in all the world, to bringing children up in "the nurture and instruction of the Lord", to using the Ministry of the Keys in which we announce forgiveness of sins to those who repent, every Christian has a ministry.

The Public Ministry is a Representative Ministry. One person is called upon by a gathering of others to carry out certain aspects of ministry Publicly on their behalf and in their name. This in no way removes personal ministries from anyone but it designates a Public Servant to administer Word and Sacrament on their behalf in addition to their personal ministries. Public Ministry can include being a Sunday School Teacher, Day School Teacher, Pastor and other ministries carried out in behalf of/ representing the congregation.

Scripture tells us that those who desire to serve in the public ministry of the gospel are pursuing a noble goal. "Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task" (1 Timothy 3:1). Still, the desire of the individual is not the source of a divine call. The source of a divine call is not internal, produced by the willingness, desire, or feelings of a believer. Rather, the source of a divine call is external. It comes from outside the believer. It comes from God; thus we call it a divine call. The writer to the Hebrews, referring both to the Old Testament priesthood and the office of Christ, speaks of the external divine call that is necessary for service in the Lord's New Testament church: "No one takes this honor upon himself; he must be called by God, just as Aaron was. So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest" (Hebrews 5:4,5).

The calls of the prophets and the apostles were immediate; they were called directly by God without a mediating group or individual. At other times, however, God called people into the ministry through mediate calls, in which the divine call came from God through the church. In Acts 20:28,

St. Paul tells the Elders of Ephesus, "Always keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers." The origin of the call is divine, but the means through which the call is extended is the church. By a divine call, the Lord makes an individual a public minister of the gospel.

In the near future, our congregation will partake of this very special Calling process. You, the Baptized in whom the Holy Spirit dwells, will extend a Call to a fellow Believer qualified in Doctrine and Practice to serve as your Pastor, your Public Minister of the Gospel. God the Holy Spirit working through you makes this a Divine Call. What a Wonderful process God works through His believing children. May you appreciate how special it is that God makes you a part of it.

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## **IMPORTANT SAVE THE DATES AND DETAILS:**

5.8.2024 - 4:30pm pre-call meeting at church (church council and call committee members should attend, if available)

05.11.2024 - LLP to clean closet and file cabinets—all help appreciated! Also please remember there is a sign-up sheet in the back of church so members can assist in cleaning (on your own schedule) if you are unable to attend on May 11 and still want to help

5.11.2024 - 9:00am outdoor clean-up day at Peace (see Matt McKay and/or watch the bulletin for more details!); please bring your favorite rake, shovel, hedge-trimmers, or broom! Cook-out to follow!

5.13.2024 - Church council meeting at 6pm

5.17.2024 - Fishing has no boundaries; even if you didn't sign up early to help, you can still volunteer; talk to Kim Manthei for more details

5.18.2024 - Registration due for New Life Resource Center Annual Banquet at the Steakhouse Lodge, featuring comedian Tim Boyd. Tickets for the dinner and show are \$30.00. Go to [nwnewlife.org/fundraising](http://nwnewlife.org/fundraising) to register.



# CAMM

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

I never get tired of hearing those words. They remind me that I never need to worry about my future in heaven. In a world where so little is sure, I can always hold tightly to the unwavering promise of Jesus. What a comfort!

This month's newsletter is an update from our Field Director, Gary Evans, on the new ambulance that was purchased with the generous gifts of CAMM supporters just like you. This organization is so very blessed to have such a tremendous network of people all over the world working together and doing what they can to keep this mission thriving.

As a reminder, if you are looking to donate, copy the link below into your web browser. If you are interested in sending needed items to our clinics in Africa, check out

<https://www.camm.us/howtohelp/>

You will find addresses and shipping instructions. As always, please reach out if you have any questions and thank you for your support of CAMM!

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### ROMANS 15:13

As CAMM operates a mobile clinic in Malawi, we depend on having reliable ambulances for our daily trips to our clinics. While the Toyota Land Cruisers we use are rugged and tough, after a few years they start to require more and more maintenance. So, if we are going to use them for the daily basis, we cannot have them sitting in the shop waiting for repairs. For that reason, we replace them every 5 years.

Unfortunately, if we want to buy a new ambulance in Malawi, we cannot go down to the local dealer, pick one off the lot, pay for it, sign the paperwork and drive it home that day. Instead, we use a company called Toyota Gibraltar. They are named after where they are located, on the rock of Gibraltar, the British Overseas Territory and city located at the southern tip of the Iberian Peninsula in Spain. Toyota Gibraltar specializes in providing vehicles to non-governmental organizations, such as ours, who operate in third world countries within South America, Africa, and Asia. The advantage of using them is that we see significant cost savings over the local Malawian Toyota dealer. The bad news is that it takes a while for the vehicle to arrive, and we (CAMM) must deal with all the local customs and vehicle registration issues instead of the dealer. As Clinic Administrator, Lusungu Mwambeye handles these challenging details with help and guidance from me. We ordered and paid for the vehicle in September of



2023. It arrived in Lilongwe on March 30, 2024. To get here, the vehicle travelled from Japan to Gibraltar. There, it was put in a container where it left Gibraltar by ship in late December enroute to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania via Oman and Jakarta. Once in Dar es Salaam the container was put on a truck for the 1,000-mile overland trip to Lilongwe. The ambulance is now at the clinic house/office in Lilongwe, but it will be a while before we can put it on the road. Lusungu still needs to get final customs clearance before we can begin the registration process. As we use the vehicle as an ambulance, we can import it duty free. A savings of \$35,000, but duty-free status requires a lot more paperwork.

For registration, the vehicle first needs to be checked by Interpol to make sure it is not stolen. Then it must be inspected by Malawi Road Traffic to check the engine and chassis numbers match the paperwork, then it can be registered. Visits to road

traffic are not for the faint hearted, your local DMV is a haven of efficiency and serenity by comparison. Once registered it will go to Toyota Malawi to complete the delivery inspection and installation of the roof rack and any other remaining parts. Finally, it needs a government safety inspection called a Certificate of Fitness, throw in some insurance and we are ready to go. I'm praying that it will be ready for the road by late April. Then we can worry about selling the old ambulance.

It is getting toward the end of the rainy season in Malawi and Zambia. Malawi had a period of 3 weeks with no rain in the middle of their growing season, but rains had returned to the central region by early March. Unfortunately, a little too late. The people are not expecting a good harvest. In Zambia this year, rains have been very sparse. The government has already declared a state of emergency and began scheduling power cuts because of low water levels in the Zambezi River - the country depends heavily on hydroelectric generation for its power needs. Normally by this time of year the fields are lush with freshly grown maize. I am no farmer but much of the maize I saw when I visited Zambia in March looked brown, stunted and poor. Very likely, this is not going to be a good harvest and hunger could be a very real possibility.

Thank you to everyone who made our new ambulance a reality and please pray for our brothers and sisters in Malawi and Zambia. They are going to need a lot of prayer and support this year.

Gary Evans

Field Director

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# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Bible Study 8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30 am	5	7	8 Pre-call Meeting 4:30 pm	9 Ascension of our Lord	10	11 Spring Cleaning 9:00 am
12 Mother's Day Bible Study 8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30 am	13 Outreach Committee 4:30 pm  Church Council 6:00 pm	14	15	16	17 Fishing Has No Boundaries	18 Fishing Has No Boundaries
19 Bible Study 8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30 am		21	22	23	24	25
26 Devotion Service 8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30 am	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	
EVENTS	Spring Cleaning ( inside and outside church) May 11 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am	Fishing Has No Boundaries May 17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup>		Church's Summer Schedule Begins May 26 <sup>th</sup>		