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NEWSLETTER ONLINE!!

Printed copies in the narthex each month.
To request that the Newsletter be mailed to your home,
please call the church office at 920-532-3892.

From the Desk of

Pastor Mark Walters

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Revelation 2:4

Classical mythology is filled with a plethora of gods who control various sections of human existence. One of the most popular is the god of love. The Romans had their love goddess, Venus. The Greeks counterpart was Eros from which the English word, “erotic” derived. Eros was eventually pictured as a naked chubby boy holding a bow and arrow which held his power. According to the myth, anyone shot by Cupid’s love arrow would be filled with uncontrollable sexual desire. Perhaps that’s why Valentine’s Day’s most recognizable symbol is a Cupid drawing a bow and arrow, seeking to strike another unsuspecting person with a dose of uncontrollable romantic love.

Cupid is just a mythological figure but he’s still flying around our culture shooting his arrows of mythological love. Culture defines love much like Cupid. Love is passion. Love is romance. Love is outward beauty (as defined by culture). Love is desire. Love is sex (whenever, however, with whomever). Love is a feeling, an emotion, a buzz, a bodily function, a girlfriend who owes you what you want, a boyfriend who’s expected to lavish you with what you want.

Now you might think that I’m Ebenezer Scrooge of Valentine’s Day. And while I’ll admit I usually get Marleah’s Valentine’s card from the Dollar Store and, if we do out to eat, am content to share an entrée at a mid-priced restaurant, I firmly believe that romantic love is a gift from God. In fact, God dedicated an entire book of his inspired Word, to celebrating the romantic love between a husband and wife. Some parts of the Song of songs might have been placed on the same library shelf as the old National Geographics. It’s very graphic but it’s very good because God smiles at the romantic love expressed between a husband and wife.

But Eros love, Cupid love, is still a feeling love. And feelings dissipate over time. What do we do when Cupid’s arrow doesn’t fill us with love feelings? The apostle Paul tells us to look away from Cupid and instead gaze upon the cross. “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Jesus should have been the One shooting arrows. Arrows of judgment. Arrows of wrath. Arrows of punishment. Arrows of hell...for eternity. There’s absolutely nothing in us or from us that should have caused Jesus to love us. Yet he did. And he didn’t love us from afar. He loved us in the most incredible way possible. He willingly left his throne room of heaven’s glory, the place where all the angelic beings expressed their love for him. He willingly walked on our planet where the very people that he created more often than not rejected him. He willingly went to the cross where he took every one of God’s righteous arrows against our sin and paid the price in full. And notice when Jesus did all this. Not when we were all decked out for him with a bouquet of flowers on Valentine’s Day. But instead, while we considered him enemy #1, while our sinful nature rejected his lordship over us, when everything about us should have caused Jesus to discard us to hell, that’s when Jesus not only said, but SHOWED his love for us by dying for us.

Let me ask you a question: Do you know where your Valentine’s Day card is from last year? Did you even get one? Doesn’t matter. We have something better than Cupid, something better than a schmaltzy, overpriced and overhyped, “holiday.” We have Jesus. We have love that is truly love. And we have it today, tomorrow, and forever.

In the Service of our Mutual Savior,

Pastor Mark

ALIVE with God

Worship at Alleluia
Sundays 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Wednesdays 6:30 pm

Online
Sunday Services at 8:00 am
[Facebook.com/AlleluiaLutheranWrightstown](https://www.facebook.com/AlleluiaLutheranWrightstown)

ACE = Alleluia Christian Education



Adult Bible Study
Sundays at 9:15 am



4K ~ 6th graders



7th & 8th graders

ACE

Alleluia Christian Education News



Palm Sunday Performance—the ACE children will be performing during the Wednesday Service on March 29th at 6:30pm.

ACE is still hoping to be able to sell enough of the reusable bags the children created to meet their goal of donating to the food pantry and purchasing a tree for our church grounds. Please consider purchasing a bag for \$12.00. They are located on the counter in the narthex.

ACE continues to be blessed with more and more children attending Wednesday evening classes and could use additional teachers! If you could help out now—or starting next year or for the one day VBS this summer—please contact Chris DiPiazza at 920-462-4175 cdipiazza6@gmail.com

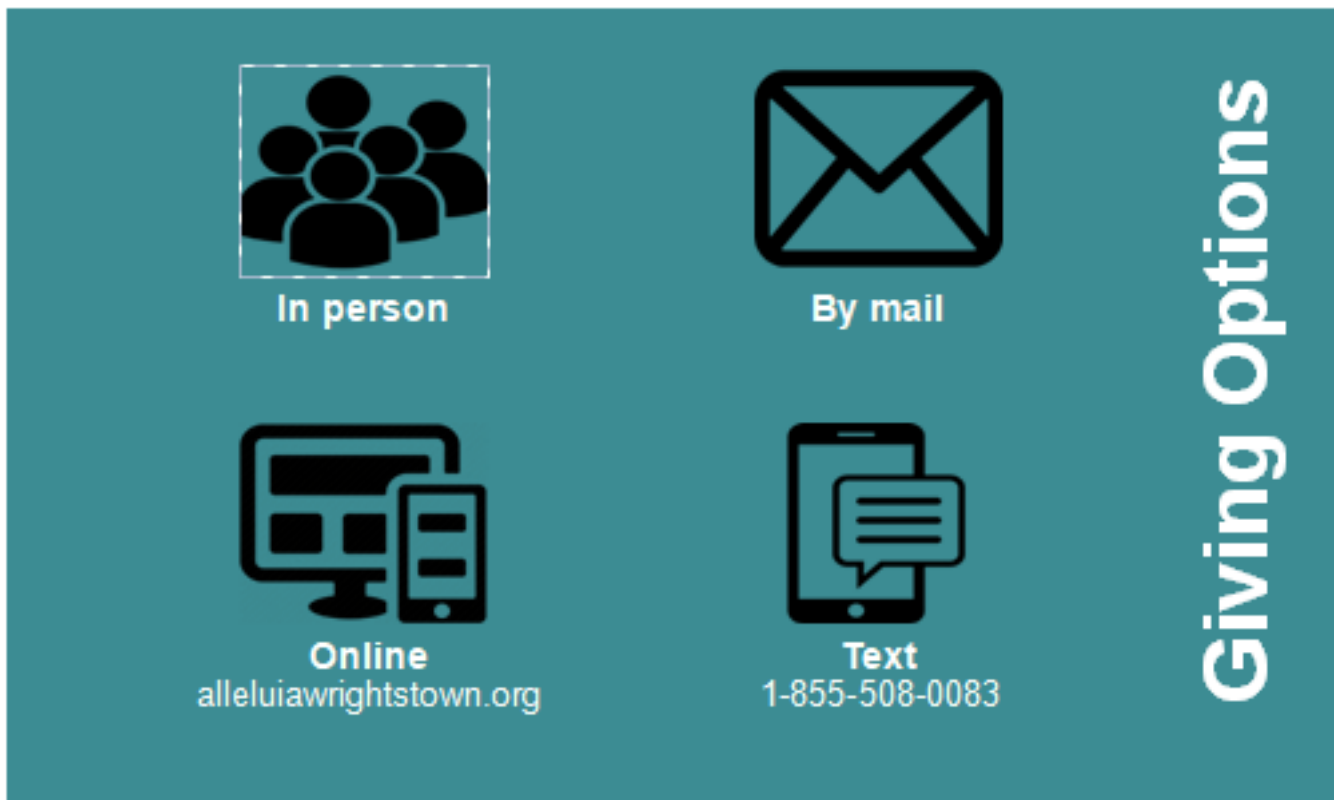
AYM Alleluia Youth Ministry News



Youth will be heading to WI Dells for Youth Quake - February 10-12th.



Coming soon...youth will be doing pizza sale fundraiser in the near future.



The graphic is a teal-colored rectangle with four white icons arranged in a 2x2 grid. The top-left icon shows a group of five stylized human figures. The top-right icon is an envelope. The bottom-left icon shows a computer monitor and a smartphone. The bottom-right icon shows a smartphone with a speech bubble. To the right of the icons, the text 'Giving Options' is written vertically in white. Below each icon is a label: 'In person' for the group icon, 'By mail' for the envelope icon, 'Online' for the computer and phone icon, and 'Text' for the smartphone icon. Below the 'Online' label is the website address 'alleluiawrightstown.org'. Below the 'Text' label is the phone number '1-855-508-0083'.

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Giving Options

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Click the Contribute button for the fund you choose. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Enter the \$Amount, Frequency and Start Date for each of your donations. Click the Add to Basket button. Click the Continue to Payment button in your basket to proceed. 9. You can add or edit your payment method (credit, debit or bank account). There is an option to contribute an extra 2.75% to cover the processing fees. Click the Continue to Review button. 10. Review the transaction details and click the Submit button to complete. <p><i>If you have any issues or need assistance, contact Lori Collar at 920-366-6047 or loriwrights10@gmail.com</i></p> |
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LCMS Mobile App

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod mobile app locates LCMS churches in your area, delivers worldwide Lutheran news, connects you with other Lutherans and gives you God's Word in a daily devotion.

<https://www.lcms.org/resources/multimedia/mobile-apps>

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<https://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/>

Read Through the Bible

Reading through the Bible is a rewarding experience, and these plans can help you do it!

For the best experience, create an account or log in and subscribe to the reading plan of your choice. Then you can track your progress, receive daily reading reminder emails, and print monthly lists of readings for offline use. You can start, pause, or end a reading plan at any time – at your own pace.

So, choose a reading plan and get ready for the incredible journey of reading through the Bible, one day at a time!



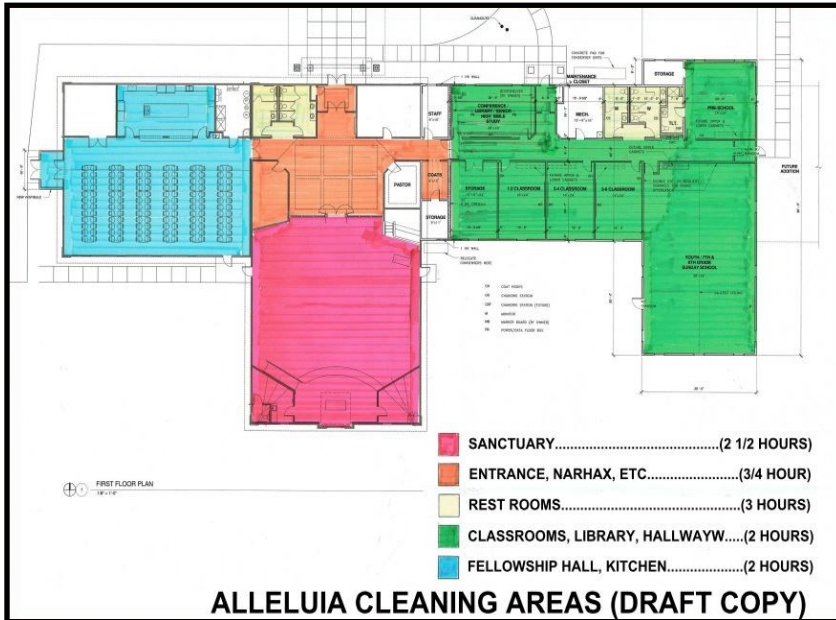
Progress toward the opening of Alleluia Blessings Child Care Center continues to move forward!

The big "youth" room is all painted and it looks amazing! We received a donation of a beautiful large pantry and desk which is in the room. Security is in and the policies have been "approved" by pre-licensing and the pre-licensing visit is scheduled for February 10th at 10:00am. Everything has to be in place by then as if we were opening that day so we have been working diligently to get the rooms and all of the paperwork ready for review. It is a 3-4 hour site visit—if there are no major issues—we have heard the state licensing should then take about 2 weeks. The childcare software program Procure is up and running and we will open for pre-registration enrollments very soon! Some more wonderful news is that we were able to go through a closed daycare in Brillion and make an offer on some of the items we still needed which was accepted. We have a few volunteers on board to help with the pick up in Brillion and then the drop off at Alleluia on Tuesday, February 7th meeting at 2:30 at 333 W National Ave, Brillion—**more help is welcome!**

Speaking of volunteers—**thank you** to all who have supported this mission in some way—donations, time volunteering on projects, and prayers! The Lord has blessed this endeavor greatly as things continue to come together.

We have gone through some items that were already at church and that were accumulated when we went to purchase items at places that were closing down—(these places had a “you have to take everything”) even if you just wanted certain items—the deals were great on what we wanted so we took everything! The items we can not use at the daycare center for one reason or another (licensing is pretty picky or we already have more than we need)—are in the fellowship hall along the back wall. Please take what you can use and if you like—you can put a donation for the item(s) in the envelope on the bench chair. There are booster seats (I did take the covers home and wash/sanitize them) and a couple of “pack and plays” - I do not know what shape they are in so you might want to take a look before you take them home. Lots of miscellaneous!

Thank You for Volunteering!!



We are looking for
**NEW Cleaning
Volunteers!!**

Choose an area
of Alleluia to clean.
Choose the months
you're available.

Sign up!!

Wrightstown Community Food Pantry

(2nd Saturday at 8:30 am & 4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm)

THANK YOU to ACE for Giving to the Pantry!



Community Garden

Spring is coming soon!

Would you be willing to volunteer to help in the
garden? More info will be coming soon!



Kid's Pages



Valentine's Day

Word Search

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Scrip IS Available!

- Spring Break Travel
- Spring Cleaning
- New Clothes for Spring
- Fast Food & Dining Out
 - Groceries & Gas
 - DIY Projects

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ALIVE with the Family

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Happy Birthday!!

Names	Date	Yrs
Danielle and Kevin Diny	27-Feb	8

Name	Date
Joseph Mulder	1-Feb
Kallan Wruck	1-Feb
Michelle McKewin	2-Feb
Allison Gustafson	2-Feb
Mary Ott	3-Feb
Isaiah LaFleur	3-Feb
Julie Borman	4-Feb
Dominic DiPiazza	6-Feb
Lowell Kussow	7-Feb
Matt Hazaert	13-Feb
Oliver Heimmermann	13-Feb
Scott Crary	16-Feb
Harriet Wolfgram	16-Feb
Grant Thiel	17-Feb
Kevin Thomson	19-Feb
Emmet Lamers	19-Feb
Anna LaCount	26-Feb
Allison Zuelke	27-Feb
Tami Hazaert	28-Feb



Communion

**1st & 3rd Sundays
& Corresponding Wednesdays**

To keep everyone safe,
Alleluia is using pre-filled cups with wafers.



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