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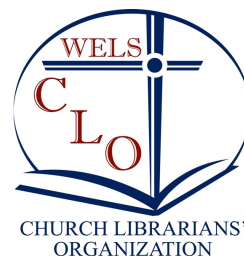
Newsletter for WELS Church Librarians

*"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen"*

Fall, 2020

2 Peter 3:18

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The President's Corner



Connie Mangin

As we enter a new era because of the pandemic, we find ourselves in a different situation with our meetings and book discussions. I hope you have all had an opportunity to use this time at home to accomplish many unfinished things.

As we are entering our 30th year of existence as WELS-CLO, we have a lot to be thankful for. We would like our 30th celebration in Stevens Point to turn a new page in the history of the organization. We will have some surprises and would like a committee of the membership to help participate. If you are interested in being part of the committee, please let me know. It should be a fun day! I submitted an application to be on the WELS Connection; we will see if they contact us. It would be an excellent way for our organization to be recognized throughout WELS. I will keep you posted.

At our next meeting, I would like all attendees, and even ones who cannot attend, to share a new book or one from their library. These discussions will help members decide if this is a book they would want for their library or to put on their list for a future purchase.

Thank you to all members who sent in nominations for the offices. We had 20 nominations for the two positions. Watch for the election forms and don't forget to vote. You can either vote online or send the ballot in the mail to:

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This time we are including a page for the WELS Women Writers and their books. We were going to have a display available at the conference, but we will have this page first and possibly a display at the Spring or Fall Conferences. This will give us a better idea of different authors in the WELS.

We are asking the members on the local LWMS if we could include a WELS-CLO flyer in their folders. This would help us to spread the existence of our organization. Since we are not meeting before the end of the year, we will need a team of volunteers to audit the books by January 1st. If you are interested, please contact Connie Mangin, me.

If you would like to submit anything for the next newsletter, please send it to me or to Charlene Hartlaub by the **first of October**. We are asking that the large libraries, who might have doubles of a book, might be able to donate these to smaller libraries. If you are a smaller library or a large library and would like to participate in the book exchange, please send me your contact name and address. These lists will be compiled, and you will have the chance to contact each other for the exchange. Any questions about this please contact me.

Get the Whole Family Ready for Sunday School

NPH has released the very first samples of the Sunday school Lesson Videos in our Christ-Light Remote Learning program! Visit our website today to preview the first Lesson Videos for each grade level: PreK-K, 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6. Be sure to check back every Friday starting September 11 for each week's upcoming lesson.

Here is how the program works:

- NPH is producing Christ-Light Lesson Videos taught by experienced WELS teachers available via the NPH website and YouTube channel prior to each Sunday. Access to these Lesson Videos is free with no required password.

- After children watch the Lesson Video with their parents, parents help them complete an easy activity related to the lesson and review the Memory Treasure using printed Christ-Light Sunday school student lessons.
- The student lessons begin with "God's Creation of Adam and Eve." The pack of 13 student lessons is priced at \$6.25 or \$6.75 depending on the grade level. Your church may have ordered the 13 student lesson pack and will either have it available for pick up at your church or shipped directly to you from NPH. Contact your church for information on how you will receive your student lesson pack.

If your church is not using this program, you can use it on your own! Order printed student lessons today on our website or call our helpful Customer Service team at 800-662-6022.

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Summary of Secretary's Report

WELS-CLO Fall Conference

September 28, 2019
St. John Lutheran Church
Oak Creek, Wisconsin

The meeting was called to order by President Connie Mangin.

Approval of Reports: The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved.

New Members' Welcome: President Mangin welcomed new members to WELS-CLO:

- **Robin Behringer** – St. Jacobi Lutheran Church, Greenfield, Wisconsin
- **Sharon Faherty, Lynne Lemke, and Phyllis Anderson** – St. Paul Lutheran Church, Muskego, Wisconsin
- **Karen Guenther** – Morning Star Lutheran Church, Jackson, Wisconsin

Election Results: **Kathie Faivre** – secretary, **Toni Flint** – Treasurer.

Denise Luehmann – Vice President for an additional year.

Future conferences: (Dates have been changed to reflect the current circumstances)

- **Spring conference**, Saturday, April ??, 2021 – The Word Campus Ministry, Stevens Point, Wisconsin
- **Fall, 2021** – Peace Lutheran Church, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin – Amanda McCrary
- **Spring 2022** – open
- **Fall 2022** – St. Paul Lutheran Church, North Mankato, Minnesota

Discussion: Should WELS-CLO hold 1 or 2 conferences each year?



By-laws indicate that a spring conference is optional, while the fall conference is required.

A vote will be taken on this question at the spring 2021 conference.

NPH Book Fair Discussion The absence of NPH for WELS-CLO conferences has negatively affected attendance. Possible responses to this included:

- WELS-CLO could host a NPH Book Fair, with unpurchased books returned at a possible shipping fee of \$80; this charge could be made up through a higher conference registration fee.
- Order online with WELS-CLO members still receiving 20% discount. Books would be shipped to the conference host for pickup. (This does not allow attendees to view books at conference.)

WELS-CLO decided to host an NPH book fair at Spring Conference 2021.

Other Business

- A new home is needed for the WELS-CLO display board. Contact Denise Luehman.
- Charlene Hartlaub asked for fall newsletter items by Oct. 15. Members are pleased with changes she has made to the newsletter.
- President Mangin thanked outgoing Amanda McCrary for her service.
- Cathy Hoof and Toni Flint will audit the treasurer's books.

President Mangin called for a motion to adjourn: Charlene H. made the motion and Pat Kingery seconded it. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda McCrary,
Secretary/Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

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Checking Balance 4/15/19

4601.91

INCOME

2019 New Member 15

Spring Conferene Reservations (23x15) 345

TOTAL INCOME

360.00

EXPENSES

Spring Conference Speaker 300

Spring Conference Pastors & Organist 100

Spring Conference Expenses 100

Mailing Expenses 80.14

(Envelopes 19.84 & Postage 60.30)

Finalweb 126

(9/4/19-3/3/20)

TOTAL EXPENSES

706.14

Checking Balance 9/15/19

4255.77

Remaining NPH Gift Cards
for New Members (1x25)

25.00

**TOTAL ASSETS September
23, 2019**

4280.77



WELS Women Writers

Did you know... There is a growing group of WELS women authors! Your church family might enjoy a display featuring the works of these writers. Each writer is faithful to God's Word and to her vocation of writing, whether her work is fiction or non-fiction, prose or poetry, humorous or studious. Check them out!

Author	Title(s)	Where to Learn More
Patricia Backhaus	<i>The Golf Club</i>	https://www.amazon.com/Patricia-Backhaus
	<i>Dinners with Paul</i>	
	<i>The Last Rose of Summer</i>	
Val Bodden	<i>Hope Springs Christian Romance Series</i>	https://www.valerembodden.com/
Linda Buxa	<i>Dig In: Family Devotions to Feed Your Faith</i>	https://timeofgracestore.org/category/1/books
Sarah Habben	<i>The Mom God Chose: Mothering Like Mary</i>	Northwestern Publishing House: nph.net
Karen J. Hasley	<i>Waiting for Hope</i>	www.karenhasley.com
	<i>Smiling at Heaven</i>	
	<i>Circled Heart</i>	
	<i>Where Home Is</i>	



	<i>Magnificent Farewell</i>	
	<i>Shallum's Daughters</i>	
	<i>Lily's Sisters</i>	
	<i>The Dangerous Thaw of Etta Capstone</i>	
	<i>Claire, After All</i>	
Donna Herbison	<i>Through My Eyes: Women of the Bible</i>	https://www.amazon.com/Through-My-Eyes-Women-Bible-ebook/dp/B0793QGN78
Wendy Heyn	<i>Show Me Your Mighty Hand</i>	Northwestern Publishing House: nph.net
	<i>Peace from God's Word for Special-Needs Moms</i>	
Stacy E. Hoehl, PH.D.	<i>Purposeful Grieving—Embracing God's Plan in the Midst of Loss</i>	Northwestern Publishing House: nph.net
Katie Martin	<i>Cherished Gifts – Devotions for Moms by a Mom</i>	Northwestern Publishing House: nph.net
Angie Molkentin	<i>My 180: Loving God More</i>	Northwestern Publishing House: nph.net
Jane Mose	<i>Bringing Home Nathan: An International Adoption</i>	https://www.amazon.com/Bringing-Home-Nathan-International-Adoption-ebook/dp/B076NZ5VN1
Linda Jane Niedfeldt	<i>Psalms in My Backpack</i>	www.lindajaneniedfeldt.com
	<i>Red as in Russia and Measles and Love</i>	
	<i>Green as in Springtime, New Life and God's Will</i>	
	<i>White as Christmas Snow, a Candle's Glow and Heaven's Robe</i>	
Mary Schmal	<i>Children of the Light Series (based on the Fruit of the Spirit)</i>	www.childrenofthelightbooks.com
Naomi Schmidt	<i>Ruth: Living in God's Unfailing Faithfulness</i>	https://christintheword.wordpress.com/
	<i>Philippians: Living in the Joy of Christ</i>	
Alaine Sonnenberg	<i>Shine On</i>	https://www.amazon.com/Shine-Alaine-Sonnenberg/dp/1616638265
Amber Albee Swenson	<i>Ladies of Legacy</i>	https://www.amberalbeeswenson.com/
	<i>Bible Moms: Life Lessons from Mothers in the Bible</i>	
	<i>The Whisper Theory</i>	
	<i>The Bread of Angels</i>	
	<i>Borderline</i>	



	Chosen for More	
Stacy Tornio	<i>The Ultimate Book of Scavenger Hunts</i>	http://stacytornio.com/
	<i>Bird Brainiacs</i>	
	<i>The Secret Lives of Animals</i>	
	<i>Cathy's Animal Garden: 101 Outdoor Adventures to Have</i>	
	<i>We Love Nature! A Keepsake Journal</i>	
Amy Vannieuwenhoven	<i>Look Up from Your Phone, So I can Love You</i>	Northwestern Publishing House: nph.net
Delyn Wagenknecht	<i>Sweet the Moments: Reflections for Women on Everyday Things</i>	Northwestern Publishing House: nph.net
	<i>Full Accessories of God—The Spirit's Makeover for Women</i>	
Kathie Wendland (with Pastor Richard Gurgel)	<i>Heirs Together</i>	Northwestern Publishing House: nph.net
Jes Woller	<i>Miraculous Debut</i>	https://www.amazon.com/Miraculous-Debut-Jes-Woller/dp/1645380483
Multiple Authors	<i>In God's Orchard: Cultivating the Fruit of a Spirit-Filled Life</i>	Northwestern Publishing House: nph.net
Multiple Authors	<i>His Days, My Praise: Daily Devotions for Women</i>	Northwestern Publishing House: nph.net
Multiple Authors	<i>Holy Hen House magazine</i>	https://www.holyhenhouse.com/



Books Not Approved by NPH

May, 2020

Stop Calling Me Beautiful; Phylcia Masonheimer; Women/Spiritual growth Reformed; Harvest House; ISBN: 9780736978002; 205 p; \$14.99; Softcover. The author does make some strong statements that are correct and compelling. However, following MANY of her "good" statements she makes horrible statements that contaminate the truth - and this is very confusing and makes for dangerous reading because women may recognize the "correct" teachings but then not recognize the errors.

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March, 2020

Without Flesh Why The Church is Dying Even Though Jesus is Still Alive; Jonathan Fisk; Christian Life / Spiritual Growth; pastors, k adults; Concordia Pub House; ISBN: 9780758666444; 160 pages; \$12.99; softcover; The author is a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) pastor. The theology is confessional Lutheran, without anything specifically LCMS. The author begins by noting that a great many American churches (Lutherans included) are declining in membership. They are tempted to buy into the "change or die" message: you have to de-emphasize orthodox biblical theology, dump the liturgy and historic hymns, box up the organ, start up a praise band and adopt soft Pentecostal worship styles, which are based on American Arminian revivalist theology. It seems that the author intends this book to be an antidote for such trends. Lutherans need to continue to emphasize and teach their solidly biblical theology which emphasizes the incarnation of Christ (who had and has a true human body), who gives us his true body and blood to eat and drink in the Lord's Supper, which builds up the church, the spiritual body of Christ. It employs Greek words in the Greek alphabet, sometimes explaining them.

3 Words That Will Change Your Life; Mike Novotny; Christian Living WELS; Bethany; Adults; ISBN: 9780764235283, 188 p; \$15.99; softcover; NPH should probably stock it. It presumes that the main goal of life is happiness, but all of the ways suggested to become and remain happy are orthodox. Law and gospel are used correctly, Scripture is quoted and applied correctly, and there are clever little comments in the text and in the footnotes.

Seeds of Joy Daily Devotions For a Joy-Filled Life; Various authors; Confessional Lutheran; Tlme of Life Pub; ISBN: 9781949488234; 390 p; \$18.00; softcover; The authors of the daily devotion all have a Lutheran theological view of sin and grace, forgiveness and salvation. These devotions will serve to bring joy and peace to the readers. The different authors bring a nice blend of human perspective in their writings that is refreshing for all who read this book.

May, 2020

Elephants in the Room Evolution Versus the Message of Scripture; Robert J. Koester; Pastors, teachers, adults, young adults; ISBN: 9781734431902; \$16.95; softcover; WELS; This is the first of a two-book series that examines theistic

evolution using their own words, the attempts by Christians to combine the teachings of Scripture with the theories of evolution. The results always are that evolution is accepted as true and that the teachings of Scripture are compromised. This book demonstrates that far more than just the simple meaning of the word "day" in Genesis 1 is involved, but all the central teachings of the Bible and Christianity, such as the perfect state of the world in the beginning, the historicity of Adam and Eve, the first humans as fully and completely human with a body and soul, the fall into sin, the affects of sin on humans and nature, the role of suffering and death in creation, God's plan of salvation, the promise of a Savior, the nature of salvation – all of these central tenets of Christianity are compromised and denied by theistic evolutionists. These denials are the proverbial "elephants in the room" that many Christians do not want to talk about, but just say that "there's no disagreement between the Bible and science." This book lays things out in a very straight-forward way, so that lay people can easily understand the issues that are involved. The author's sound approach to apologetics is to let Scripture speak for itself and defend itself without trying to prop it up with arguments from human reason. Highly recommended.



June, 2020

Spiritual Life Hacks; Len Woods; spiritual life; adults; Harvest House; ISBN: 9780736978507; 191 p; \$13.99 Softcover; There were a lot of things I liked about this book. It would be important to note it is NOT a Bible study. The author did a good job of presenting his encouragement in a way that offered practical ideas to live in faith and remain close to God. I especially appreciated the lack of pressure to live the "right way" or do the "right things." The author did NOT make it seem as though "good" Christians do these things. He made no attempt to lead the reader in thinking of his suggestions were important steps of obedience. They are simply life lessons that are helpful to Christians. I found his suggestions full of wisdom and maturity. He was very easy to relate to and quite personable. Early in the book, he speaks of his Christian experience as a young teen. I was intrigued that he talked about repeated altar calls, etc. yet it seemed (in my opinion) to give evidence that discredited altar calls and pointed to more law based experiences. He just implied that he struggled and then seemed to grow into his Christian faith (without any detail). I thought it



would be helpful for Lutherans to see how evangelicals and reformed Christians might struggle – it would give someone courage to talk to a reformed/evangelical about their faith. He uses very contemporary (appropriate) stories and media references that make it feel fresh and current. It is a Fast, easy read with super short lessons/chapters. The whole book took about an hour and a half to read. I enjoyed it and appreciated his insights – I think they would be especially beneficial to someone younger in faith.

July, 2020

Morning Prayers for a Christian School; Gene Strusz; Daily Prayers; grade school or high school teachers; Pedal Down Promotions; ISBN: 9798646636042; 118 pages; \$10.99; softcover. This book authored by a long-time WELS high school teacher and coach offers a large collection of prayers that can be used by a teacher at the beginning of the day. There is a very practical table of contents that can a teacher can use to quickly find an applicable or timely prayer that fits the needs of his students.

NEW! AT-HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL

August 12 was International Youth Day! It was a way to address issues among the world's youth. For Christians, our biggest concern is that our youth know who their Savior is and continue to grow in faith. Check out Christian books and gifts that children and teens will enjoy as well as an all-new [resource that supports this goal.](#)

LESSONS

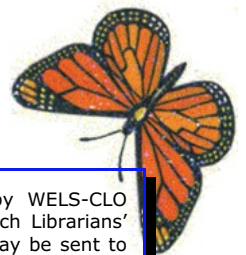
NPH is launching a new at-home Christ-Light Sunday school learning option that helps parents during this time when churches face challenges with offering traditional classroom Sunday school. Here is how it works:

- NPH is producing Christ-Light Lesson Videos for grades PreK-K, 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6. The lessons for Sundays beginning September 13 will be recorded and taught by experienced WELS teachers and available via the Northwestern Publishing House (NPH) You Tube page prior to each Sunday. Access to these Lesson Videos is free with no required password.
- Lesson Videos will include a brief introduction for parents along with the lesson's aim, the truth that is being shared, and a relevant application for the child, followed by the Bible lesson for the week.
- Printed Christ-Light Sunday school student lessons will be used by parents to help their child learn the Bible lesson.

- Following the Lesson Video, parents will be encouraged to complete the activity related to the lesson with their child and also to reinforce the Memory Treasure.
- Printed student lessons are available for each grade level as noted above. They are shrink-wrapped in packs of 13 lessons for each student. The current cycle is Year 2, Fall, starting with Lesson 1, the story of God's creation of Adam and Eve. The pack of 13 student lessons is priced at \$6.25 or \$6.75 depending on the grade level. Your church may have ordered the 13 student lesson pack and will either have it available for pick up your church or shipped directly to you from NPH. Contact your church for information on how you will receive your student lesson pack. If your church is not using this program, you can use it on your own! Click here to order or call our helpful Customer Service team at 800-662-6022.

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