

# WELS United of the Fox Valley – Joint ministry efforts\*

February 2020

## 1. WELS Apple Valley Food Pantry

Area WELS congregations collect food and money to donate to the Apple Valley Food Pantry for distribution to families to supplement their grocery needs. Located on the campus of St. Matthew's.

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## 2. The Hope Center

The Hope Center is an outreach ministry located on the campus of St. Matthew's. It is a non-profit, volunteer agency that provides a loving and supportive place for those in need in our community to be enriched physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

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## 3. Divorce Care

Divorce care is a Bible-based program to help those dealing with divorce or separation handle the emotions and personal challenges they face. Offered at Immanuel in Greenville and other congregations in the Valley.

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Patti Smits (Immanuel-Greenville): [ptsmits@hotmail.com](mailto:ptsmits@hotmail.com) (920) 843-1797

## 4. GriefShare

GriefShare is a 13-session Bible-based and Christ-centered video seminar and support group for people grieving the death of a family member or friend. Sessions held at St. Matthew's or St. Luke's, Little Chute.

ADVOCATE: Joyce Schroeder (St. Matthew's): [joymarie48@yahoo.com](mailto:joymarie48@yahoo.com) (920) 585-9080

## 5. Depression / Anxiety Support Group

This support group will give needed support for those who live with depression. Family members and friends are also invited. Meets Saturdays from 10:00 am until noon at St. Peter, on a semester basis.

ADVOCATE: Andi Paap (St. Peter): [andijopaap@gmail.com](mailto:andijopaap@gmail.com)

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\*Joint ministry efforts are ministries in our WELS United congregations that are 1) for the benefit of the members of all our congregations, 2) not already being carried out either on the synodical level or district level, 3) are efforts that need NOT be duplicated by congregations, and 4) are not ministry endeavors that should be done by each local congregation, like outreach, worship, discipleship, youth ministry, visitation ministry, etc.

**6. Christian Recovery Support Group**

This Christ-centered 12-step small group Bible study, enhanced with biblical references, supports those struggling with substance abuse, pornography or gambling addictions. It can be a start or help along the way to following the road to recovery. Meets Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at the CORE.

ADVOCATE: Andi Paap (St. Peter): [andijopaap@gmail.com](mailto:andijopaap@gmail.com)

**7. English as Second Language class (Spanish)**

Bethel in Menasha offers free English classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm. WELS members are invited to volunteer to teach. Class ends with Spanish Bible Study.

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**8. Financial Peace University class**

A nine-week course on financial management taught by Dave Ramsey, *Financial Peace University* helps people avoid debt, build wealth, and give generously – all from a Christian, biblical perspective. Offered at Immanuel Greenville every eight months.

ADVOCATE: Mike DeBraal (Immanuel-Greenville): [mike.debraal@gmail.com](mailto:mike.debraal@gmail.com) (920) 205-4037

**9. Men of His Word**

An annual men's conference with a keynote speech and many other presentations, inspires and encourages all who attend. Conference held at the Best Western Convention Center in Oshkosh.

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Ed Stern (Mount Olive): [sasman48@yahoo.com](mailto:sasman48@yahoo.com) (920) 739-4274

**10. Joint Reformation Service**

An annual Reformation service, held in the afternoon on Reformation Sunday at FVL, sponsored by the twenty WELS United congregations.

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