

WELS United of the Fox Valley - Joint ministry efforts*

February 2022

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.

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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.

ADVOCATES: Jim Ably (St. Peter/The CORE): jamessably@gmail.com (920) 221-2815

Patti Smits (Immanuel-Greenville): 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, Appleton or St. Luke's, Little Chute.

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Rev. Ron Szep (St. Luke-Little Chute) pastor@stlukeslittlechute.com (920) 788-4408

*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.

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-Appleton): andijopaap@gmail.com

6. Christian Recovery Support Group

Christian Recovery is a group that supports those struggling with addiction, whether it is substance abuse, pornography, gambling, anxiety, etc. Christian Recovery is a combination of informal worship, small group bible study and fellowship. It can be a start or help along the way to following the road to recovery. Christian Recovery uses material that has touched the lives of thousands to help them in their walk of faith. CR meets every Wednesday evening through Zoom at 6:30 pm.

ADVOCATE: Mark Eisenmann (St. Peter-Appleton): meisenmann@fvlhs.org (920) 268-9280

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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Rev. Ethan Cherney (Bethel-Menasha) pastorcherney@bethelmenasha.org (920)840-5490

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: Brandon Goerg (Immanuel-Greenville): brandon_goerg@yahoo.com (920) 540-7124

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.

ADVOCATES: Andy Koffman (Our Savior-Grafton): Andrew@koffman.org (920)948-6011

Ed Stern (Mount Olive-Appleton): 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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