

# "Life" Contest winners honored at annual dinner

## Alpha Center honors local student winners of essay contest

Several area students received recognition and prizes for their winning entries in the fourth annual "God Gave Us Life" contest, sponsored by the Alpha Life Resource Center and the Tri-County chapter of Christian Life Resources. The winners were honored at the chapter's annual meeting held at Luther Prep on January 15.

The contest was open to students in area WELS churches and schools. Kindergarten through second grade students participated by drawing a picture on a life-related theme. Grades 3-8 wrote essays with life issues themes; the winning high school student responded to recent developments in stem cell research.

Drawing contest winners include kindergartener Ryan Lange and first grader Jason Beduze, both at St. Paul, Ixonia. The winning drawing and caption from second grade is Jami Knope, Trinity- St. Luke, Watertown.

Third through eighth grade essay winners are Jonathan Thede, third grade, St. Paul, Ixonia; Tristan Higgins, fourth grade and Eric Boulden, fifth grade, both Trinity-St. Luke; Whitney Kulow, sixth grade confirmation class at St. John, Newville Rd. Waterloo; Torri Gnabasik, seventh grade, St. Peter, Hellenville; and Kendalyn Thoma, eighth grade, Trinity-St. Luke, Watertown. Each winning grade school entry received a gift certificates.

The winning high school entry was written by Jordan Berg, a sophomore at Lakeside Lutheran High School. She received a \$250 college scholarship.



Alpha Center "God Gave Us Life" contest winners honored at the January 15 annual meeting include (back l-r) Whitney Kulow, Tristan Higgins, Eric Boulden, Jordan Berg. (front l-r) Ryan Lange, Jason Beduze and Jonathan Thede. Not pictured are winners Jami Knope, Torri Gnabasik and Kendalyn Thoma.