

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Breath of Life Devotion

Dear Fellow Followers of Jesus,

There is a rock hill in Jerusalem today outside the old city walls, which has the shape of a skull. From certain vantage points when you look at that hill you can see what looks like the shape of eyes, a nose hole and a gash-like trough in the hill side, where you could imagine a mouth on that skull shaped rocky hill. A garden tomb is located not very far away, including a groove or track which would have held a large coin-shaped, flat-round stone to roll in front of the entrance to the tomb. There were no bones found in the tomb. A British General named Gordon visited and purchased this hill, garden and tomb in 1883 and declared it to be the 'official' site of Jesus death, burial and resurrection.

Much earlier, in 326 AD, the first Christian Emperor of the Roman Empire, Constantine, sent his mother, Queen Helena, to find the sacred sites of Jesus death and resurrection. She found a different spot in Jerusalem from Gordon's hill and tomb. She considered what she found to be the place where Jesus was crucified and the site of his tomb in a rock cave nearby. A church was built over this site by Constantine in 336 AD. That church was destroyed almost 700 years later by the Muslim Caliph El-Hakim. Crusaders later rebuilt on that site in 1099 and the church they built has been named the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The church building itself is large enough to cover both the hill area thought to be Golgotha and the rock tomb, where it was believed that Jesus was buried. Many still believe this to be true Golgotha and garden tomb.

After the first century AD Christians and Jews were excluded from Jerusalem for several centuries. For that reason during those years, no accurate or continuous records of the location of these sites were kept, so we may never know the true site of Golgotha and the Garden Tomb. But knowing the true site isn't really important, is it? What is important or crucial is knowing and believing that Jesus did enter Jerusalem according to God's eternal plan. Trust that our Savior did this all for us because He wants us to live with Him eternally in heaven. Let the Holy Spirit strengthen our faith through the Word and Sacrament during this most holy season of the Christian church year. Rejoice that Jesus is our Savior! He suffered what should have been our punishment, but he also rose from that grave and lives in heaven preparing our places even now!

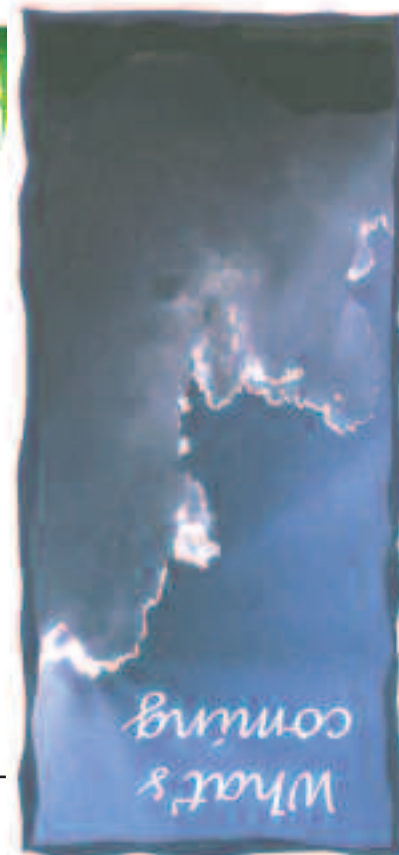
Pastor Mark Wendland

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MARCH 31, 2016	ANNIVERSARY OF CENTER
MAY 8, 2016	MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 20, 2016	MEMORIAL DAY
JUNE 19, 2016	FATHER'S DAY
JULY 4, 2016	INDEPENDENCE DAY
JULY 17, 2016	ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Upcoming Events & Important Dates



News and Notes

A Message From Our Director, Tammy Neumann

A new year – 2016 – has begun! I see many challenges and opportunities for the Alpha Life Resource Center this year. Our biggest challenge is our budget. It is probably our leanest budget in a long time and we will have to be quite creative if we are to maintain our current level of client services. Other challenges include our need for more receptionists and counselors. On the flip side - opportunities abound! We are setting new goals such as promoting our community presence and offer new services as well as expanding our current services. It has been through the grace of God that we have been in operation for 30 years and through his Grace that we will continue our mission. I invite our readers and supporters to join us on our journey.



Tammy Neumann, Director



LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP?

Kwik Trip, Inc., a Wisconsin based company, assists organizations through the Kwik Rewards Fund-Raising Program. Kwik Card holders are able to designate Alpha Life Resource Center to receive a percentage of their Kwik Card purchases. Contact Kwik Trip, Inc. toll free at 888-736-KWIK (5945) and tell them you are interested in participating. Thank you!



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Current Alpha Life Resource Center - WISH LIST -

CLIENT SUPPLIES

- Disposable wipes
- Disposable diapers, size 3-5 (especially size 4 & 5)
- Infant pain reliever and children's cold/flu medication (Tylenol type, no aspirin)
- Baby lotion, wash, ointment and powder
- Formula & baby food (unopened please)
- Clothing, new or gently used, size 2T to size 14/16, boys & girls. Shoes. Toddler socks
- Strollers, pack n play, bassinet, crib (sorry no drop-side cribs accepted)

OFFICE SUPPLIES

- Boxes of tissues, toilet paper, air freshener, disinfecting wipes
- Powder-free disposable latex gloves
- Postage stamps
- Garbage bags (13 gal. "tall kitchen" garbage)
- Tide (liquid or powder) detergent or Clorox 2 powder
- Batteries (C or D)
- Tea bags, coffee, creamer, lemonade mix

*Donations (or monetary equivalent with designation indicated) may be brought to:
Alpha Life Resource Center • 313 E. Main St. • Watertown, WI 53094
920-261-9207 or 800-924-6073 • Email: office@alphalifecenter.org*

Thank you to all who support the center with donations of baby food, formula, wipes & diapers, new & gently used baby and children's clothing, footwear, small toys/books, cleaning, health & office products or handmade quilts, sweaters and blankets.



DONATIONS

In Loving Memory

Our son-in-law Dave Beduze given by Marvin & Carol Hesse
 Sainted loved ones given by Harry & Frieda Luetzow
 Owen Louise Twohig given by Michael & Kristi Twohig
 Our parents given by Beth & Terry Lundsten
 The children & their families given by Laura & Mark Hoene
 Arline Kitzerow given by Betty Huebner
 Alpha supporter Lucille Wendt given by Karen Micheel
 Walter Fenz given by Luanna E. Fenz
 Margaret Raether given by Ron Heid
 Scott Simons given by Scott & Heidi Voigt
 Inez L. Kalfahs given by Rev. Joel W. Jaeger
 Beverly Appenfeldt given by Tim & Wanda Fredrick, Ron & Sandy Lenz, Gerald & Joanne Brandt and Diana Michi
 Lucille Sayles given by Dean & Shirley Freson

Special Gifts:

Mary Linsmeier School, Watertown,
 Fleece tie blankets made by students' ages 5-12 yrs.
 St. John's Lutheran School, Watertown, baby items, cleaning supplies, clothing,... drive
 St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Sugar Island, Ladies Aid, donation
 Bethany Evangelical Church, Hustisford, Baby Bottle Boomerang & baby item collection
 St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ixonia, mission contribution
 St. Luke Lutheran Church, Watertown, donation
 St. Paul Lutheran Church, Neosho, offering collection
 St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Doylestown, donation
 Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Johnson Creek, donation
 St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Oak Grove, mission donation
 Kwik Trip and Kwik Star contributors: Jim & Kimara Winters, Elaine Knief, Todd & Kay Schleef, Sandra Kastens, David Melcher, Denise & Gary Priem, Michael Quest, Samuel Uttech, Kristine Jaeger & Anonymous
 Zion Lutheran School, Columbus, Baby Bottle Boomerang & baby item collection
 Ruth & Larry Parker- beautiful, lighted nativity for our window
 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hubbleton, Ladies Aid, diapers
 St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Fort Atkinson
 Bethany Lutheran Church, Fort Atkinson, diapers, baby supplies & blankets
 Grace Lutheran Church, Dalton, Ladies Aid mission gift
 St. Matthew's, Oconomowoc, Ladies Guild

In Honor of:

Grandchildren: Micah, Evan, Elijah & Will Sievert given by Fred Sievert
 Remembering Andy Huebner Family at Christ's Birth given by Betty Huebner
 Doctors Marcus, Stoddard & Pangelo given by their staff
 Erwin Huebner's birthday given by Delores Fredrick
 In remembrance of Andy & Kristin Huebner's wedding anniversary given by Betty Huebner

Thank you to all who support our mission.



*Alpha Life Resource Center
presents its annual*

ice cream social

**Sunday, July 17, 2016
St. Mark's School Commons
706 Jones St. • Watertown
10 am - 1 pm**

***Come for lunch . . . homemade hot turkey or pork sandwiches,
hot dogs, potato salads, baked beans and other sides.***

***Stay for dessert . . . Mullen's Ice Cream for splits, sundaes or ala
mode for your choice of dozens of homemade pies and tortes!***

CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

Your continued support of our Center is vital to our ministry.

Enjoy the fellowship! Support the effort!

Pray for God's blessings!

***Would you like to help out with a dessert,
monetary donation, or help serve this year?***

Please consider volunteering and call Wanda at 920-261-9207

Annual meeting

This year's annual meeting was held on Jan 31st at St Mark's Parish Hall. With 68 people in attendance, we enjoyed good food and fellowship.

Our annual essay contest winners shared their entries with us and were awarded a certificate as well as gift card to Northwestern Publishing. The winners' names are (left to right): Allen Deglow, 8th grade and Caleb Jensen, 6th grade, both from St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran School, Watertown; Lydia Schroeder, 2nd grade, Trinity-St. Luke's Lutheran School, Watertown; Grant Schneider, 4th grade, St. Paul's Lutheran School, Lake Mills, Mathias Schmidt, 1st grade, St. Paul's Lutheran School, Ixonia, Maria Vik, 4th grade, St. Paul's Lutheran School, Fort Atkinson and Brayleigh Weissenborn, kindergarten, St. John's Lutheran School, Jefferson. Not pictured: Kallie Feder, 5th grade, St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran School, Watertown, and Morgan Jameson, 7th grade, St. John's Lutheran School, Watertown.

A brief meeting followed. The 2016 budget was passed. Mr Brian Krueger, Pastor Mark Wendland and Pastor John Boehringer were each re-elected to our Board. We wish to extend our many thanks to St Mark's church and Pastor Jensen for allowing us to hold our meeting there at no charge, St Mark's Ladies Aid for preparing and serving our meal at no charge and a special thank you to Ora Kuckkan for generously donating most of the food for our meal.



ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Board Member changes

At our Feb Board meeting, there were a few changes to our Board. Pastor Dale Hella stepped down as chairman (to give him more time to serve his congregation in Oak Grove as well as start a Hispanic outreach) and Tom Pasch (1st VP/Treasurer) was elected as our new chairman. This created an opening for a new treasurer. Brian Krueger has been elected to that position. Pastor John Boehringer was re-elected as 2nd VP/treasurer. Our many thanks to Pastor Hella for serving as chairman and for staying on the board (after a short break). Jerry Brandt announced his retirement from the Board effective March 31. We appreciate the several years of service Jerry has given to Alpha as well as his work as chairman of our Baby Bottle program

Newsletter delivery sign-up

Our newsletter is now available through email. If you would like to sign-up for this option, please send your email address to us at office@alphalifecenter.org. By doing so, you will be helping us save the expense of printing and postage. Your email will never be shared with anyone.

New volunteers

God has blessed us with two new volunteers already this year. Diana Michi has been a volunteer for special projects in the past and is now serving regularly as a receptionist. Jackie Naatz has joined us in assisting with donated articles. Thank you to both ladies for joining our mission.

We are still in need of at least 5 receptionists and 2 counselors. If you're interested or would like more information, please call us at 920-261-9207 or email us at office@alphalifecenter.org.

Special Notes

You probably noticed a change with this newsletter. We will no longer be including a donation envelope with our mailings. This will help reduce our printing and mailing costs. Donations can still be mailed to us at 313 E Main St, Watertown, WI 53094.

Special thanks to Ruth Parker for the generous donation of the Nativity set used in our window display at Christmas time.

Special thanks to Tricia Berg for supporting our website through maintaining it as well as financial supporting it.

Homemaker's Club donation

Marianne Zastrow of the Dodge Co. Association for Home and Community Education (HCE) presented us with a donation of crocheted ponchos, sweaters and blankets. The HCE is a



charitable and non profit group that assists in the community on many levels, from early reading to scholarships, while educational meetings are open to men and women in the community. These classes/meetings are to help us develop as individuals as well as assisting in the community in various ways. Membership in HCE is open to all community members and we welcome one and all that would like to join us. For more information, call the Dodge Co. extension office, 920-386-3790. Many thanks to Marianne for the cute items to keep our babies warm.

Casual for a Cause:



Ixonia Bank, Watertown, East Branch employees voluntarily participated in a Casual for a Cause day to raise funds for Alpha Life Resource Center.

**FRIENDS OF ALPHA
- SAVE THE DATE -**

SILENT AUCTION

October 29, 2016

Windwood Golf Club

5710 Cty Hwy CW

Watertown, WI

See You There!



Our January Life Ad:

Thank you to all who supported our "Life" Ad while we recognized January 22 as being the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion.

Printed in the Watertown Daily Times newspaper, it pictured a smiling baby in a mint green sweater with the caption "Everyone deserves a chance at life".

Your gifts and prayers are very much appreciated as we continue to stand up for every precious life!

Special thanks to the Daily Times for sponsoring our ad in color.

On a Personal Note

For those of you who do not know, I lost my mother in February of this year due to cancer. This past year has been one of the hardest of my life. Sometimes it seemed very long and other times much too short. A friend once told me that knowing (someone is dying) doesn't make it any easier when it happens. That is so true. You always think you have more time, that they'll bounce back once more and you'll have plenty of time to ask questions, discuss things, or just be able to enjoy one more time together. Then one day, you realize your loved one is slipping away and that time you thought you would get will never come.

I felt, for a long time, I was mentally prepared for her death. But as my mom's health began a steady decline, I found I wasn't as ready as I thought. Fortunately, I have many people in my life who provided the emotional support needed to help me get through it all. And, of course, I had the comfort of knowing that God was with us throughout the journey.

I wish to express my gratitude to the many family members, friends, co-workers, pastors and even casual acquaintances who gave me emotional support. Thank you to Tim & Wanda Fredrick, Ron & Sandy Lenz, Jerry & Joanne Brandt and Diana Michi for memorializing Mom with donations to Alpha.

If you know somebody going through this, you can help them. Be an ear to listen, a hand to hold or a shoulder to cry on when things get rough. You may not think you're helping, but you really are.

On February 10, Mom's battle was over and her journey was done. She is, at last, home. As I always said when we parted, "See ya later Mom. Love you".

Tammy Neumann
Director

Please send a Mother's Day card to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Given By: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Given By: _____

Address: _____

Please accept my donation in memory of:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Given by: _____

Donation enclosed: _____ \$10 _____ \$20 _____ \$30 \$_____ (other)

Return by April 27, 2016 to: Alpha Life Resource Center
313 E. Main Street,
Watertown, WI 53094



Please send a Father's Day card to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Given By: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Given By: _____

Address: _____

Please accept my donation in memory of:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Given by: _____

Donation enclosed: _____ \$10 _____ \$20 _____ \$30 \$_____ (other)

Return by June 8 2016 to: Alpha Life Resource Center
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Do you have plans to celebrate your special Mom? Maybe you'll serve her breakfast in bed, have the children make her a card, or give her a gift of flowers, chocolates or her favorite perfume. Mothers do a lot all day, every day. Being a mom doesn't offer a paycheck, but is an extremely important job as she cares and nurtures her children. In many ways she is an ultimate volunteer!

At the Alpha Center we minister to mothers (and often both parents) facing difficult life situations perhaps because of poor choices in relationships, lack of a job or education, or they are just in need of basic supplies such as diapers, wipes, baby food and clothing. Through counseling, assisting with human needs and the Gospel our clients may find it easier to overcome their challenges.

Alpha Life Resource Center is offering a special way to not only honor Mothers, but also support the Center and its mission. This Mother's Day we will send a card to your special honoree acknowledging your appreciation of her and, at the same time, your donation in support the Center. Simply complete the order form below and return to the Center no later than April 27th.

A memoriam may also be made in memory of a mom, grandmother or that special person who "was like a mom to you." Complete the information below and return to the Center. The name of your loved one will be listed in the next issue of our newsletter.



Father's Day



is Sunday,
June 19th

For many of us our Fathers are heroes. We appreciate them for their love and guidance. Our heavenly Father does the same for all of us. A good father can set an example of strength, honor and responsibility. Our Lord Jesus sets an example for us. On Father's Day let us honor our fathers for the lessons they have taught us; for teaching us to have faith in God, Jesus Christ as our Savior and Christian values.

At the Alpha Life Resource Center, we are a ministry that uses family, pregnancy, baby, children, mothers and fathers as bridges to talk about the most important thing in the world: salvation through Jesus Christ. With each contact we have at the Alpha Center we show love to others as we have come to know it through Christ.

Alpha Life Resource Center is offering a special way to not only honor fathers, but also support the Center and its mission. This Father's Day we will send a card to your special honoree acknowledging your appreciation of him and, at the same time, your donation in support of the Center. Simply complete the order form below and return to the Center no later than June 8, 2016.

A memoriam may also be made in memory of a dad, grandfather or that special person who "was like a dad" to you. Complete the information below and return it to the Center. The name of your loved one will be listed in the next issue of our newsletter.

Please generously support the work we are doing at the center. We are extensions of your love and partner with you in reaching young families with help and with hope. It is how you can make a difference as well.