

MLP Japan News



A View from Murodo in Toyama Prefecture

Greetings

Summer in Japan and Yukata

Did you go out wearing a yukata this summer? The yukata is a traditional Japanese garment that temporarily enhances our appearance with beauty. It's one of the symbols of Japanese culture.

On the other hand, something Christians take pride in is baptism. Those who believe in Jesus and receive baptism are given an invisible, special garment. This garment completely covers our weaknesses and beautifully clothes those who stand before God. May many people come to wear the eternal garment through faith in Jesus Christ.

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Report

Starting New in Australia

The Asia One team have safely settled into their new mission field in Brisbane, Australia. Their former team leader, Dr. Witte, who was called to heaven in June, has completed his earthly journey and is now enjoying the heavenly banquet with Jesus. Encouraged by this wonderful example, we pray for Pastor Doebler, Pastor Janke, and their families as they boldly proclaim the Gospel.



Pastor Matthew and Christine Doebler

Pastor Peter and Alanna Janke, Marvin and Jonas

Events

Online Activities

On Sunday, August 25th, an online Joy Club meeting was held. The theme was "Let's Share from the Mountaintop: Remembering Christmas in the Summer." When Jesus was born, the shepherds told the townspeople about the Savior's birth. We learned the importance of joyfully sharing Jesus' love with our family, friends, and acquaintances. After the story, **we made a craft based on the song "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" and sang it in English.** You may read the devotion on Page 2.

You can also sing along to this puppet video.→



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 6:4

Christian Magazine Summery-From *Forward in Christ August Issue***Illustrating God's powerful Word through art at Taste of Missions**

Over 470 people attended the "Taste of Missions" event, held on June 15th this year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin, with an additional 104 joining online. **The highlight of the event was the commissioning service, where nine home and world missionaries were sent to their respective fields of service.**

As part of the event, WELS also hosted a poster contest for high school students. Thirty-six students participated, creating artwork while learning about WELS' home, world, and joint missions which showed how God works in different ways to share the good news.

Vienne Laing, a student at Trinity Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, Wis., won the first-ever Taste of Missions High School Poster Contest. Her work, along with other posters, was displayed at the event. Her piece was showcased alongside a poster by Elizabeth Kuehner, a student At Luther High school, Onalaska, Wis., whose work was voted "Fan Favorite."

Vienne entered the contest with encouragement from her friends and high school art teacher. She drew inspiration from the countless missionaries serving around the world. Reflecting on the experience, she said, **"This contest really made me think about how Christians are going out into different countries to spread God's Word... and how powerful God's Word is and how it brings so much joy to people and how there's nothing else like that in the world."**

**Let's Share from the Mountaintop: Remembering Christmas in the Summer**

We always celebrate Jesus' birthday in December, but the joy of Christmas can be felt all year long—even on hot days like in August. Why is that? Let's hear the story.

[The Story] About 2,000 years ago, on a quiet night, some shepherds were watching their sheep. **Suddenly, an angel appeared and gave them great news: "A Savior has been born for everyone in the world!" The shepherds rushed to see baby Jesus, and then they told many people about what they had seen.**

But the story doesn't end there. Jesus wasn't just any baby—He came for a special reason: to save us from "sin." Sometimes we do or think bad things, and the Bible calls those things "sin." If we stay in our sins, something bad happens—we become separated from God. But Jesus, God's Son, loved us so much that He came to save us. *(Note: We're talking about the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.)*

Jesus' birth was part of God's big plan. Jesus grew up and did God's will. Jesus loved us so much that He took the punishment for the sins in our place, even though He never did anything wrong! When Jesus died on the cross, He took away our sins forever.

But here's the best part: Jesus didn't stay dead! He came back to life! Jesus is so powerful that even death can't stop Him. He is still living in heaven as the eternal king. **If we believe in Jesus, we can be friends with Jesus and become His children. And even after we die, we'll live forever with Jesus.** That's the best news ever! So, like the shepherds who heard the angel's message, let's tell other people about Jesus. Let's keep listening to God's Word, praying, and sharing the good news with everyone!

