

A Moment for Missions

Our Missionary of the Month for February is Luke Francis with InterVarsity Whitewater. This is part of his latest newsletter:



CAMPUS TIMES

Highlights of the Lord's Work

The end of a semester is a good time to reflect on the work of the Lord. While there are many fun moments to look back upon, some stand out as points of growth. Three areas of growth are highlighted below.

Every week, InterVarsity students gather on Thursday night for time in God's word, prayer, worship, and fellowship. For years, attendance at our large group gathering has remained relatively the same year-to-year. This year, the number of students attending on a weekly basis has increased to the highest average attendance in a decade. Students are craving community and connection and are finding that through our large group gatherings.

Even as large group attendance increases, the Lord is still at work in powerful ways in our small group Bible studies. In recent years, we have enjoyed fruitful Bible studies in Wells East, one of UW-Whitewater's largest residence halls. But this year, we are seeing a new season of kingdom fruitfulness there. Members of the group invited friends, who also invited friends, and now 15 students meet weekly to study the Bible in Wells East! We're exploring ways to adapt in order to serve students better as the number of those interested in studying the Bible grows.



Each semester, our chapter hosts a prayer room where students sign up for hour-long time slots and collectively pray for more hours than any individual could alone. This semester, over the two days our prayer room spanned, InterVarsity students prayed for more hours than any previous prayer room. But setting that record was less important than watching the resurgence of prayer that has occurred after a slow start in September. More students than ever are investing time in communal prayer, both in the prayer room and in our daily prayer meetings. In the past, prayer growth has always preceded a new work of the Lord, and I can't wait to see what He will do next.

The Lord is at work in powerful ways on campus at UW-Whitewater. As we look forward to next semester, we are eagerly anticipating what He will do next. Will you join us in praying for more fruitfulness as we take steps of faith?

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for our student leaders as they transition into break and then into a new semester of ministry.
- Please pray for freshmen and new students in our chapter to step up and increase their involvement next semester.
- Please pray for ministry at UW-Whitewater's Rock County campus next semester as I step into an increased leadership role there.
- Praise God for continued growth in large group gatherings, small group Bible studies, and prayer.

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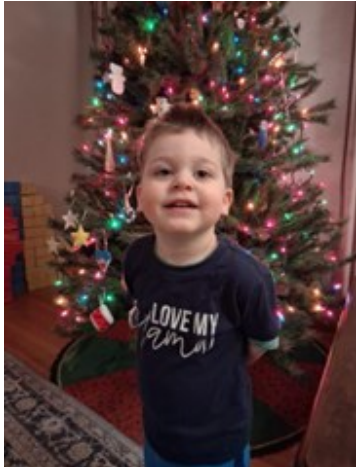
MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY

LUKE FRANCIS
INTERVARSITY
WHITEWATER



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Personal Update

Joshua is nearly two and a half! He builds houses with magnetic tiles, loves singing, enjoys peeling oranges, and speaks in mostly complete sentences. It's fun watching his play change as he grows and develops. I'm grateful for the opportunity to experience things like Christmas through his eyes.

Thank you for praying for and financially supporting us! As the year draws to a close, I'm thankful for your investment in not only me and my family but also God's work on campus. You're a blessing to us, as well as to our students.

Luke, Katherine, and Joshua Francis

➡ VARSITY MISSIONS TRIP BASKET FUNDRAISER ⬅

Our High School Students are heading on a Missions Trip to Fairbanks, Alaska in July 2026, and we're collecting donated baskets OR individual basket items for our upcoming fundraiser on February 22, 2026.

Fundraiser Basket Ideas

- **Family Movie Night** – popcorn, candy, soda, cozy blanket, streaming gift card
- **Coffee Lover** – local coffee, mug, syrups, biscotti, café gift card
- **Baking Basket** – mixing bowls, spatula, cookie mixes, sprinkles, recipe cards
- **Grill Master** – BBQ tools, rubs, sauces, apron
- **Taste of Local** – items donated by local businesses (honey, jam, snacks)
- **Date Night** – restaurant gift card, dessert mix, candles
- **Kids' Fun Night** – games, crafts, coloring books, movie, snacks
- **Game Night** – board/card games, snacks, score pad
- **Outdoor Adventure** – picnic blanket, frisbee, sunscreen, water bottles
- **Self-Care Night** – face masks, lotion, candle, tea
- **Prayer & Devotional Basket** – journal, devotional, Bible highlighters, candles
- **Family Game Night** – inclusive games for all ages
- **Backyard Fun** – yard games, bubbles, chalk, picnic items
- **Teen Basket** – earbuds, snacks, gift cards, hoodie or hat
- **Home Improvement** – tools, hardware gift card, gloves
- **Fitness Fun** – resistance bands, water bottle, gym pass
- **Candy Basket** -- assorted candies
- **Automotive Basket** -- microfiber towels, window cleaner, Tire shine, Ice scraper
- **Gift Card Basket** -- Culvers, Kwik Trip, etc.
- **Baked & Dinner Goods** -- one of our very own Fulton Chef's put food together
- YOUR OWN GREAT IDEA!!



The goal is to get 20 baskets.
Please Drop off by Sunday 2/15/26
Basket drop off location -- The Fulton Schoolhouse
OR contact a leader for pick up:
Victor & Erin Gonzalez OR Zack & Dena Casper



Empty Baskets Needed!



We are collecting **empty baskets, bins, or decorative containers** for our upcoming Mission Trip Basket Fundraiser. If you have any you no longer need, please consider donating them to help us prepare raffle baskets. They can be placed in the tub in the entryway by February 15.

Thank you for supporting our High School Mission Team!

~ Submitted by Susan Peterson, on behalf of the Fulton Missions Team. The members are passionate about missions: Rhonda Marsden, Susan Peterson, Kent Marsden, Donna Buschmann, Dan Buschmann, Lori Johnson, and Kristine Whittable.



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22

After 2nd service

**Potluck and Basket Fundraiser
for Varsity Missions Trip**

More Details to Come!

ATTENTION, FULTON CHURCH!

We now use church-wide text messages through Gloo to keep you informed! These texts will include emergency cancellations, schedule changes, and weekly updates with important information like bulletins, inserts, newsletters, and short devotions. It's a simple way to stay connected and up to date with what's happening at our church.

To join, scan the QR Code or text "Connect" to 833-405-4479.

Talk to Pastor Zack if you have questions.



Ice Fishing & Cabin Weekend in NE WI

Feb 27-March 1

We'll drive up Friday night and come back Sunday. We'll ride UTV/snowmobile to a remote successful lake. Cost is around \$200/person, with scholarships available if finances are limited. The cost includes Friday night supper, Saturday night Supper Club meal, food at cabin & while fishing, gas and lodging.

Contact Brent Delzer: 608-755-1857

Save the dates for Summer Fishing at the Cabin in NE WI:

May 22-25 is Father/Son Fishing at cabin over Memorial Day weekend

May 30-June 3/4 is Men Fishing at cabin for 4-5 days

Easter Choir

Calling All Singers!

The Easter Choir will begin rehearsals on January 31st at 9:15 AM in the Orange Room downstairs. All are welcome. Singers do not need to know how to read music - enjoy music and fellowship!

Questions? Contact Opala Bilhorn -
opalas.music.studio@gmail.com

Book Club

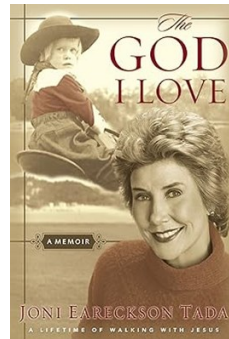
**The God I Love
A Lifetime of Walking with Jesus**

By

Joni Eareckson Tada

Wednesday, March 25th 6 PM

Contact Linda: 608 931-5215,
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Bible, Brats, and Beverages

Wednesdays from 6-8 pm

Contact Brent Delzer 608-755-1857

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

FRIDAY NIGHT - 2/6/26 6 PM

Contact: Brent Delzer: 608-755-1857

ANNUAL MEN'S GOLF OUTING

Wednesday June 24

Put it on your calendar and save the date!

**Questions? Contact Norm Fjelstad
by text or phone: 608-772-9400**

Welcome, Dena Casper, Our New Youth Director!

At the beginning of this year, Dena Casper officially stepped into the role of Youth Director, and I (Pastor Zack) couldn't be more excited to welcome her to our staff team here at Fulton Church.

I've truly loved working with our incredible students over the past five years. It has been such a gift to walk alongside these teens and to be a small part of what God has been doing in them and through them. I deeply cherish the memories we've shared—Varsity nights, mission trips, winter camps, sports events, plays, meaningful conversations, theological debates, and so much more.

With Dena joining our team, my role will be shifting slightly. I'll now be working alongside Josh Bilhorn to help form an Outreach Team. This team will focus on how we, as a church family, can intentionally turn our attention beyond our church walls and create opportunities to live that out. We'll also partner with our current teams and community groups to better equip and train us to engage missionally with those who don't know Jesus or aren't connected to a church. I'm excited to see how God uses this focus in the life of our church.

I'm also incredibly excited about the future of our youth ministries. Having a part-time staff member who is fully dedicated to our teens is a huge blessing—and even more so because of the person God has called to this role. Dena is a woman of strong character with a deep love for Jesus and a genuine passion for teenagers. Over the past 16 years of ministry, she has always been right by my side, faithfully serving and leading alongside me. I've never done youth ministry alone, and Dena has been an essential part of that journey.

She brings experience, wisdom, and a caring heart, and I'm confident our students will continue to be loved, supported, and challenged to grow in their faith. JV and Varsity will remain safe, welcoming places where students can deepen their relationship with God and with one another.

I want to invite all of us to pray—for Dena as she steps into this role, for our youth ministries, and for our students. Let's pray that God equips Dena and our leaders, softens hearts, and draws our students to know Him more fully and understand His character more deeply.

A Note from Dena

Hi church family!

I'm really looking forward to stepping into this role as Youth Director. For up to 15 hours each week, the first part of my role will be leading our Varsity youth group (high school students) on Wednesday nights, as well as organizing outreach opportunities and fun events with them.

Another part of my role is overseeing our JV ministry (middle school students) on Sundays. Anna Bilhorn does a fantastic job directing JV, and I'm excited to support her in any way I can. I'll also be responsible for organizing and planning mission trips and winter camps for our students.

As I step into this role, I'll be carrying on with the structure Zack has already put in place while I continue to pray, seek guidance, and discern a longer-term plan. Over the next four years with our students, I would love to walk through both the Old and New Testaments and tackle topics like sharing our faith, following Jesus in everyday life, spiritual disciplines, lament, identity in Christ, service projects, and why we believe what we believe. That last piece feels especially important, as wrestling with faith before graduation can shape how students carry their faith into adulthood.

Of course, we'll be sprinkling in plenty of fun too! I'd love to do things like concerts, Nerf wars, game nights, movie nights, and more.

Please be praying for our youth ministry and for leaders. We'll need adults to help on Wednesday nights, and I would love a mix of both younger and older leaders to walk alongside our students. If you're interested, please let me know—and thank you for praying for our youth.

WINTER CAMP 2026

FORT WILDERNESS



*The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you, the Lord turn His face toward you and give
you peace. - Numbers 6:24-26*

Happy Anniversary

Rick & Linda Bergendal 2/27



Happy Birthday

Roger Ehle	2/2	Robyn Hall	2/17
Malcolm Towns	2/3	Avery Casper	2/17
Matt Towns	2/3	Al Kimpel	2/18
Karen Reed	2/7	Susan Peterson	2/19
Titus Flood	2/8	John Schmitz-Granger	2/21
David Fjelstad	2/10	Asher Hall	2/23
Max Teal	2/11	Galen Lucas	2/23
Tim Michulcik	2/12	Ronelle Harms	2/23
Debi Towns	2/12	Jeannie Linsley	2/24
Dave Engler	2/13	Bob Morrison	2/24
Signe Hale	2/16	Annette Mathews	2/24
		Timothy Williams	2/26

FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 Sunday School 9:30 Awana / JV 2pm	2 Futsal Practice 5pm Music Ministry Rehearsal 5:30pm 4H Board Meeting 6:30pm Dartball 7pm Women's Group Study 7pm	3 Carving Group 9am Life Group-Hataj 5:30pm P&W 6pm	4 Men's Group 6pm Varsity Club 6:30pm Immerse Zoom 8pm	5 Torah Club 11:15 am Culver's Bible Study 1pm-Hebrew Class 5pm Futsal Practice 5:30pm Larry's Group 6pm Life Group-Choates 6pm	6 Friday Bible Study 9am Co-ed Volleyball 6pm	7 No Regrets Men's Conference Men's Basketball 7:30 am Prayer Meeting 8am Choir Rehearsal 9:15am Private Party 3:30pm
8 Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 Sunday School 9:30 Awana / JV 2pm	9 Celebrations Team 5:30 4H Club Meeting 6:45pm Women's Group Study 7pm	10 Carving Group 9am Life Group-Casper 5:30pm Missions Team 5:30pm Facilities & Grounds 6pm	11 Men's Group 6pm Varsity Club 6:30pm Immerse Zoom 8pm	12 Torah Club 11:15 am Culver's Bible Study 1pm-Hebrew Class 5pm Futsal Practice 5:30pm Larry's Group 6pm	13 Friday Bible Study 9am Wedding Decorations 12pm	14 Prayer Meeting 8am Private Wedding 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:15am
15 Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 Sunday School 9:30 Church Council 12pm Awana / JV 2pm Private Party 4:30pm	16 Life Group Culver's 11:30am Futsal Practice 5pm Dartball 7pm Women's Group Study 7pm	17 Carving Group 9am Fulton Cares 3pm Finance Team 5pm Life Group-Hataj 5:30pm CED Meeting 6:30pm	18 Men's Group 6pm Varsity Club 6:30pm Immerse Zoom 8pm	19 Torah Club 11:15 am Culver's Bible Study 1pm-Hebrew Class 5pm Futsal Practice 5:30pm Larry's Group 6pm Life Group-Choates 6pm	20 Friday Bible Study 9am	21 Men's Basketball 7:30 am Prayer Meeting 8am Choir Rehearsal 9:15am Gift Basket Fundraiser Set-up 10am
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Be sure to "like" the Fulton Church Awana clubs Facebook page. Announcements and posts concerning club-wide events will be posted to keep you informed!



At Fulton Church, We Are...

- *Growing in Christ*
- *Connecting as a Family*
- *Reaching the Community and the World with God's Grace*



Fall/Winter Schedule

Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30

Sunday School 9:30

Awana and JV Clubs 2-4 pm

