



Jacob's Letter

News of God at Work Among the Winnebago People

Grace and peace to you from **Ma-Ona** our Heavenly Father and from our **Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!**



“You Have Pleased Me”

Pi-na-gi-gi is a Winnebago phrase that I thought I understood. I have been serving here for quite a while and I have heard this word used time and time again. When you ask a Winnebago how you say *‘thank-you’* they often say **“Pi-na-gi-gi.”** That is what I thought it meant.

I am taking a college course on the history of the Winnebago for a second time, from another Winnebago elder, and he informed me of the literal meaning of the phrase **“Pi-na-gi-gi.”** It means *‘you have done good to me’* or *‘you have pleased me.’* So, when we say **“Pi-na-gi-gi,”** we are not thanking the person; rather we are recognizing that they have done some good thing or something that pleases us.



Often we long to hear that we have done good, but there is only One who has done good, there is only One who has pleased God the Father. The Apostle Peter was an eye and an ear-witness of this. He wrote in his second letter:

*“We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, **“This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”** We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.”* [2 Peter 1:16-18 NIV]

Peter was there, along with James and John, when Jesus was transfigured and His Heavenly Father proclaimed the above words. In the Winnebago way He could have ended His declaration with **“Pi-na-gi-gi.”** We have an opportunity to share that our Creator is well-pleased with **Jesus our Savior** with the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska! Thanks for supporting us in doing just that!

Jesus Our Savior Elementary School?

In our last newsletter I informed you of the Winnebago Tribal Council's request for us to expand our preschool to an elementary school. Recently, we conducted a survey of the Winnebago community. We received 100 surveys with the following responses:

- 1) In general, would you feel there is a need to expand Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Preschool through grade 8?
71 wrote ‘yes’ and 18 said they were ‘unsure’, while only 9 wrote ‘no’.
- 2) Will you be willing to support this school with gifts?
62 wrote ‘yes’ while 34 were ‘unsure’, and 4 wrote ‘no’.
- 3) The top three factors were:
1st Quality of Program; 2nd Faculty; and 3rd Technology emphasis.

43 survey responders said that they would send their **53** children to an expanded Lutheran school. 44 were ‘unsure’.

54 said that they would make use of before and/or after school child care service.

These responses were encouraging to us. On November 28th our Project Genesis consultant, *Mr. Paul Brandt*, will return and inform our Steering Committee of his findings and recommendations.

Please pray that God would bless us with wisdom to know His will and the courage to all work together with one heart and one mind as we embark on extending His kingdom in Winnebago and beyond ~ .



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God at Work Through Word and Deed



God was at work once again through the water of Holy Baptism. Edith Grant—an Omaha elder living in our community—was baptized, and confirmed her God-given faith in Jesus as her Lord and Savior on November 6th. *Join us in praising and thanking God for His grace!*

In the coming weeks we will schedule the baptisms for five children of two young families. Recently, I began a Bible Study with the parents of these young children. *Pray for their continued maturity in the Word of God and that they will become confirmed members of Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Outreach.*



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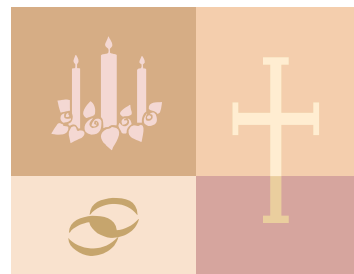
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Family Matters

This has been the year of weddings for us. We traveled to Illinois in May for the marriage of Kim's cousin Laura with Andy. In July, it was to Fort Wayne for a close family friend of Kim's, Mike's marriage with Sharon. Then in October we drove to Phoenix, Arizona, as my sister Nancy married Greg. *We continue to pray that God would bless these marriages! We praise and thank Him for the great family time we had at each of these awesome celebrations and for safe travel both going and coming back home!*



In Christ,

Pastor Ricky, Kim, Evan, Kelly and Sierra

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