

God's Word at Work

The preschool teacher was sitting in her classroom one day when a graduate and her friend stopped by to visit.

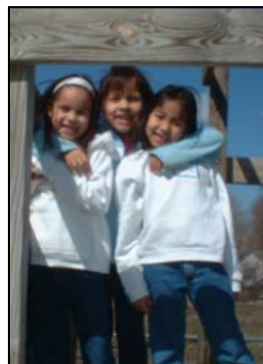
Jana, the teacher, had not seen her former student in two years. The student gave Jana a hug and talked a bit, and then she said, "Would you tell my friend about Jesus?"

Then she said, "Get out those eggs that tell about Jesus."

Jana got out the set of plastic eggs, each containing something to remind us of an event during Holy Week. This little graduate remembered every item in the eggs and what each meant. She actually told the story, Jana just opened the

eggs!! The last egg, of course, was empty to signify the empty tomb.

Then she said, "Get out that big book that tells what all Jesus made." Jana read that book, and another, and another! The little girls were there for about an hour and a half.



The best part was that this little six year old girl got herself ready and walked to **Sunday School and church all by herself** that next Sunday morning.

Praise God that many of the seeds that are planted here are falling on good soil, and that God is faithful to His promise that **His Word will not return void.**



Native American Ministry

Christ tells us in Acts 1:8, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." You are doing just that in your prayers and support for District Ministries, like the Native American ministry on the Winnebago Reservation in Northeast Nebraska.

Pastor Ricky Jacob and teacher Jana Inglehart are reaching out to those on the reservations with the Good News of Jesus Christ in a number of ways.

- Word and Sacrament Worship
- Bible Studies and Sunday School
- Confirmation Classes
- Baptisms
- Counseling and Visitations
- Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Preschool
- Vacation Bible School



A woman is baptized in her hospital bed!

These workers also provide a **positive Lutheran witness** to all those in the community through their presence and actions. The Native American people here have a **rich heritage**, their own **language**, their own **celebrations** and **humor**, as well as a unique way of perceiving the world around them.

We are **excited** by the opportunities to **reach out with the Gospel** and to be able to call more people **brothers and sisters in Christ**. Thank you for your support that allows this to take place.



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Following are more ministry stories shared by Pastor Jacob and Jana Inglehart. Feel free to share these in school or congregational newsletters or during chapel time.

One of the blessings Pastor Jacob has each week is to share the *saving Word of God* with some youth in the community. He offers a prayer service at the Winnebago Youth Facility. The youth have the choice of coming to hear what God has to say. On average about 15 youth have been coming each Sunday morning. Following is one story he shares from this time together.

“One Sunday, a 16-year old boy I will call Tom asked me what it takes to be baptized. I told him and he asked me to baptize him. After talking in length about God and the sacrament of **Holy Baptism**, we set a time when his grandfather would be there for the Baptism service. With his grandfather there, along with the Youth Facility Director, two staff, four of his peers, and a friend of his grandfather’s, Tom was received into God’s family through the **water of Holy Baptism**. *Praise God for His grace!*”

Jana Ingelhart, teacher at Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Preschool, also shares stories of how God is at work touching hearts through the preschool. She tells the following story.

“A new student joined my class for the first time. My bulletin board for February had the words ‘I Love You’ in many different languages, and in the middle was a picture of Jesus as a baby in the manger and a picture of Jesus nailed to the cross. As we were sitting there discussing the weather for the day, this new student burst out with, ‘Who is that guy up there?’ and ‘Why is he up there?’ Of course, that opened the door for a wonderful discussion, with input from the other children in the class, about the work of salvation that Jesus did for us all.”

The Lord is truly blessing the seeds planted in this preschool. There is a preschool graduate who travels 30 miles each way each day to attend a Lutheran grade school. Three times a week two other children attend kindergarten there. Next school year, there may be as many as ten children traveling back and forth to this grade school. Praise God for this blessed opportunity to plant these seeds and to teach these young ones about Jesus!

More information on this ministry, as well as print ready copies of this packet, are available on the District website at www.ndlcms.org/ministries/district/index.html.

Dear Principal, Sunday School Superintendent, and Vacation Bible School Superintendent -

What a blessing and privilege you have to serve the Lord and your congregation by shepherding the children and teaching them about Jesus.

This informational packet includes everything you need to share with them the story of other children of God right here in Nebraska who need their help.

Please consider using this material to share the story of the ministry on the Winnebago Reservation with the children and parents of your school, Sunday school, or VBS.

All of this material is reproducible and you are encouraged to share the story of what God is doing with those around you. Please also consider designating one or more offerings throughout the year to this ministry.

The reverse side of this page is a bulletin insert you may share with your church office and request it be placed in your church bulletin one or more Sundays.

You may contact Rev. Ricky Jacob or Rev. Rich Boring for more information and to find out how your children can be connected with the children of Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Outreach and Preschool.

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Sunday Schools, and Vacation Bible Schools*