

# August Newsletter

## August Devotional Thought

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

*<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

I love District Assembly. I have always enjoyed gathering with people from all over the Nazarene Districts where I have served. It reminds me of a holy reunion. I have found encouragement, inspiration, conviction, and support. I have encountered all of this over the last years of our District Assembly gatherings. It takes a lot of significant effort and planning to make them happen, but it is worth it. I am so thankful for this year's host church, New Life. Pastor Kevin Hagan and his team of phenomenal volunteers helped make our time special.

God encourages us to spur one another on toward love and good deeds. We do this by spending quality time together. When we are together, we are able to connect with each other. We can hear how someone is doing. We can ask questions, and truly listen to each other. We can pray together and encourage each other. We can share God's transformational truth with each other. This is very hard to do when we are alone. It is easier to do life by ourselves, but it is very challenging to live this way. God calls us to do life together. I know that District Assembly takes place once a year. We can get together more than once a year. Text someone and let them know that you are praying for them. Invite someone to coffee. Ask them how they are doing. Listen intently to them. Pray for them while you are with them. They might do the same for you. Doing life together takes intentionality, and patience. Sometimes our love, good deeds, and encouragement are not reciprocated. At times this can be discouraging. Let us not become weary. With God's help we can continue to love, encourage, and support each other. We are better together!

## NYI Update

Curtis Dayton-District NYI President

It was a joy to be with you at District Assembly. As NYI's summer activities begin to slow down, we want to let you know about ways students can continue to engage with District NYI this fall!

**Camp:** We are looking forward to being with your students for camp next week! If you have students attending camp, you can find the packing list [here](#).

**Called to Ministry Conference:** High school students who are curious about vocational ministry are invited to join others from across the Central Field as they explore what it means to be called. Students will hear from pastors, bi-vocational leaders, and build relationships with one another as they seek God's will for their lives. September 18-20, Valparaiso, IN, \$75/student. Students and Adult Sponsors can register [here](#).

**Free Youth Ministry Resource!** Central Field NYI is provided a *free* youth ministry training resource for parents, students, and youth pastors/leaders! At <https://centralfieldnyi.com/>, you'll find all kinds of great information about what NYI is up to, but if you navigate to the Training pages, you'll see all of the options that are available. This is training from Youth Ministry University, and is high quality, biblically based, and incredibly useful. We encourage you (and anyone who could use this at your local church) to sign up and see what is available. *Again, this is 100% free to use!*

*To stay the most up-to-date, follow us on Facebook or Instagram @wisconsinnyi, or communicate with us via email at [nyiwisconsin@gmail.com](mailto:nyiwisconsin@gmail.com).*

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## NMI Update

Kathy Caldwell-NMI District President

Happy August. It is so hard to believe that just a few short weeks ago, we had our NMI Convention! I wanted to thank you for the generous love offering you gave me. It was also nice getting to see and meet new faces!

In a few short weeks, school will be in session, and we will get back to a routine. With that being said,

I want to remind you of some upcoming events:

The District Deputation Tour is coming up September 16-23rd with the Cyr's. Pastor Thea will be in touch with those churches that signed up to host the missionary.

September is also Alabaster month! Start getting those creative ideas together on how you will be collecting your offerings.

Lastly, I want to give you an update on our Links family, the Ponder's, especially Baby Brais (pronounced Brice.)

After their trip to Greece last week, the results from the MRI did not show good news. Brais will most definitely need many different types of therapy moving forward.

Please join us in continuing to pray for baby Brais and Ben and Hannah as they move forward in providing the best care for Brais in the coming days, weeks months and years!

Let's remember to show God's Holy Hope to our neighbors, co-workers, friends, etc.

We are better together!

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## NDI Update

### Cecilia Pardun-NDI District President

Hello Wisconsin District Family!

As summer begins to wind down, we are thankful for all that God has been doing across our district. Thank you for the many ways you continue to invest in making Christlike disciples in your churches and communities. We are grateful for your faithful service and partnership in the ministry of discipleship.

## Please Pray for Kids Camp

Kids Camp is taking place **August 3–7** at Sky Lodge in Montello, Wisconsin. We invite you to join us in praying for everyone involved throughout the week.

Please pray:

- That every child would encounter Jesus in a life-changing way.
- For the counselors, staff, speakers, and volunteers as they pour into the lives of our campers.
- For safety in travel and throughout the week.
- That lifelong friendships would be formed and seeds of faith would continue to grow long after camp ends.

Your prayers make an eternal difference!

# Wisconsin District Lay Retreat

Registration is now open for the **2026 Wisconsin District Lay Retreat**, and **registration is due September 1**.

**October 9–11, 2026**

**Hotel Mead – Wisconsin Rapids**

We are excited to welcome **District Superintendent Andy Albright** as this year's speaker. This retreat is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow lay leaders from across Wisconsin, grow spiritually, and be encouraged in your ministry.

**Registration Fee:** \$25 per person

**Hotel:** \$119 per night (participants book their own room, call the Hotel Mead directly by Sept. 1st and ask for rooms blocked for Nazarene Lay)

**Meals:** On your own

## Questions or Scholarship Requests:

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## Children's Bible Quizzing

Registration for the **2026–2027 Children's Bible Quizzing** season is now open through our online registration form!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfFXFH1StpLHUI3SL3\\_R\\_8fSrCDgeARVgNBRiK5QxW4Rv5ZQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfFXFH1StpLHUI3SL3_R_8fSrCDgeARVgNBRiK5QxW4Rv5ZQ/viewform)

We are also excited to share that every child who participates in Wisconsin District Children's Bible Quizzing during the 2026–2027 season will be invited to attend the **General Children's Bible Quiz** in Kansas City, Missouri, during General Assembly on **June 26, 2027**. Please note that travel and participation costs for the General Quiz are not covered by the Wisconsin District.

We encourage you to invite the children in your church to participate in this incredible opportunity to hide God's Word in their hearts while building friendships that can last a lifetime.

## New! Wisconsin District NDI Venmo

The Wisconsin District NDI now accepts electronic payments through Venmo!

**Venmo:** @NDI-WI

When making a payment, please include a note indicating what the payment is for (Lay Retreat, Quizzing, Kids Camp, etc.) so we can ensure it is credited correctly.

Thank you for all you do to help make Christlike disciples across Wisconsin. We appreciate your partnership in ministry and look forward to all God will continue to do through our district

## Upcoming Events

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| <b>August 10th-August 14th</b><br>District NYI Camp                                             | <b>October 9th-11th</b><br>Lay Retreat                  |
| <b>August 29th</b><br>Disciple Making the Jesus Way at<br>Madison Crosspoint Church<br>10am-3pm | <b>October 23rd-25th</b><br>Ministers and Mates Retreat |

## District Assembly Photos



Ordination



Ministers Choir



Celebration Service-Led by the  
Wheeler & Menomonie Team



Kathy Caldwell delivering her report



NMI Convention Ordination  
Speaker Janary



Pastor Emil receiving his District  
License



Honoring Retiring Pastor Mike  
Postell & Ken Lawson



Dr. Chambo & DS Andy