

Dear friends,

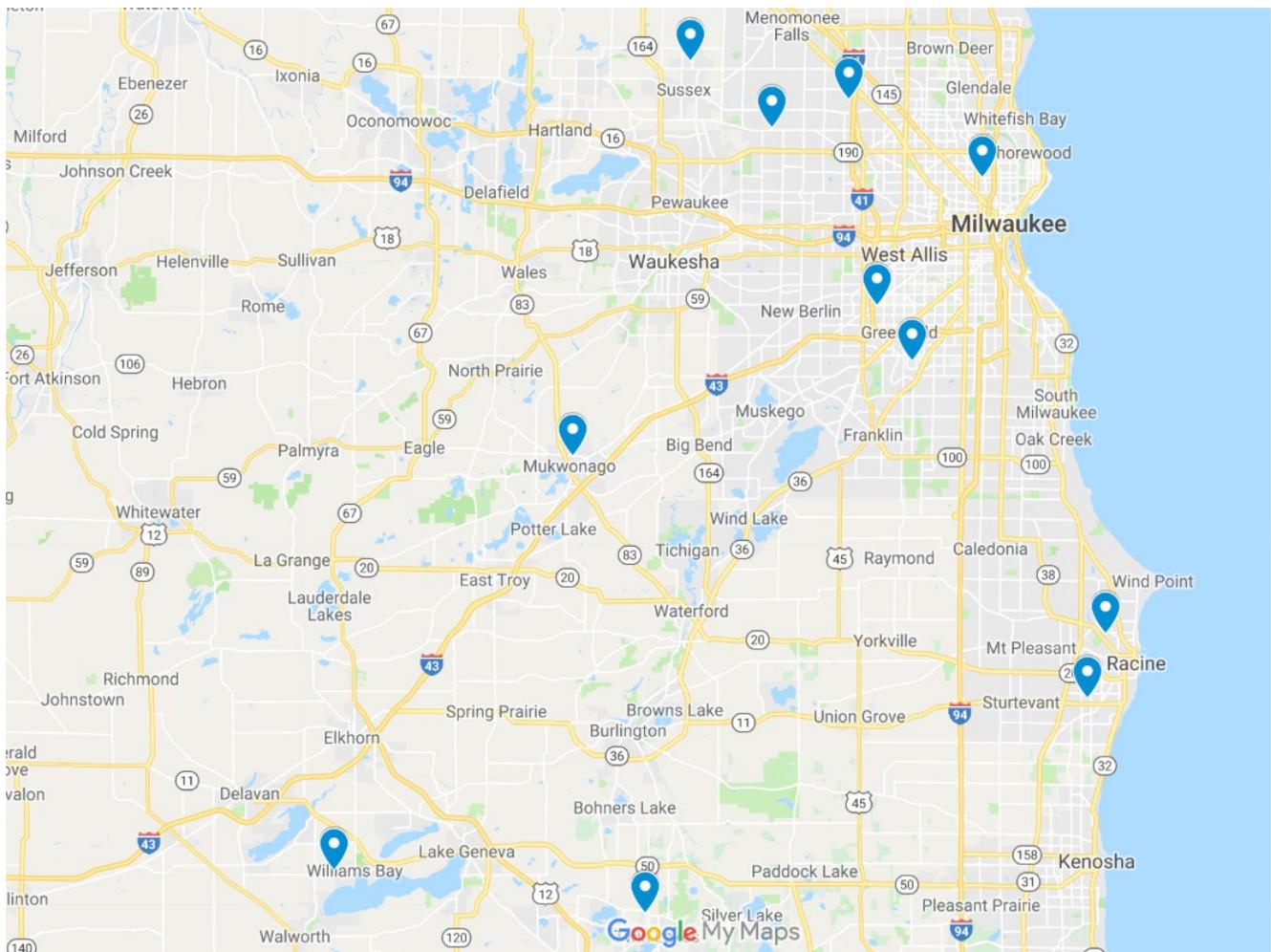
I hope you had a relaxing Labor Day weekend! I enjoyed a delightful "staycation" with my family and our sweet friend Natalie. The weather was GORGEOUS and we spent hours outside exploring downtown Milwaukee, wading in Lake Michigan, kayaking on the Oconomowoc River, and enjoying a cookout and bonfire in our own backyard.



*Enjoying the sunshine on Milwaukee's lakefront this weekend!*

*(Left to right: my sister Leah, my friend Natalie, me, and my brother Sam)*

The long weekend was a much-needed break in the midst of a busy season of ministry. Now that the school year has officially started, our team here in Southeast Wisconsin is busy getting ready to launch Good News Clubs in 27 local public schools this fall. I personally oversee 11 of those clubs. As always, getting enough volunteers to fully staff each club is a challenge! So over the past two weeks I've been giving presentations at churches and meeting with pastors and team coordinators to help recruit the needed people for each club.



*Here's a map of the Good News Clubs I oversee, from Twin Lakes all the way up to Sussex!*

Good News Club starts October 1st, so what does the rest of September hold?

This Saturday is our annual Good News Walk-a-Thon, where more than 100 friends of CEF will be walking to raise funds for the ministry. (You can learn more and support my team in the event

here: <https://ssl.charityweb.net/cefsewi/goodnewswalk/maribethpipkorn.htm>.)

After that, I'll be overseeing 9 different Good News Club training sessions in the span of just 2 weeks as we equip more than 100 new and returning volunteers to share the Gospel with children this school year.

I also have edits to finish on the new CYIA manual that releases in mid-October, meetings to work on our chapter's 2020 strategic plan and budget, and meetings with my own Good News Club team as we get ready for a new year at Swallow. Though I probably won't get to hang out with kids much this month, I certainly won't be bored!

Please pray:

~ That Saturday's event will be a blessing to all who attend and will raise much-needed funds for our chapter.

~ That God will provide the right volunteers for each Good News Club to start the year with a strong team.

~ That parents will be excited to register their children for Good News Club at each of our locations.

And please keep praying for me! While I enjoy many of the work and personal projects I've taken on this year, I'm recognizing a need for more margin in my schedule. Pray that God will "Teach me to number my days, that I may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12, paraphrased slightly). Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support, friends. I can't do this without you!

In Christ,

~Maribeth