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Assembly to vote on Common Core in 2014

Bills offered for
February will deal
with privacy, data

By **Scott Bauer**
Associated Press

MADISON — The state Assembly plans to vote in February on bills designed to protect student privacy, ban the collection of biometric data including fingerprints and retinal scans, and require public input and review of academic standards.

Whether to keep, repeal or revise the Common Core academic standards — math and English — has been a growing political fight in Wisconsin. Tea Party conservatives have urged Gov. Scott Walker and Republicans to scrap them, but supporters say schools are largely supportive of the new standards and say they are more rigorous than those they replaced.

Two legislative task forces created to study the standards issued a series of recommendations earlier this month, but stopped short of calling for repeal. While critical of the standards, Walker and legislative leaders also haven't shown a desire to do away with them.

That hasn't stopped the most ardent opponents, including Sen. Leah Vukmir, R-Brookfield, from continuing to push for the Legislature to undo them.

Republican Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, in an interview last week, said several aspects of how the current standards were adopted frustrate him, but that he does not sup-

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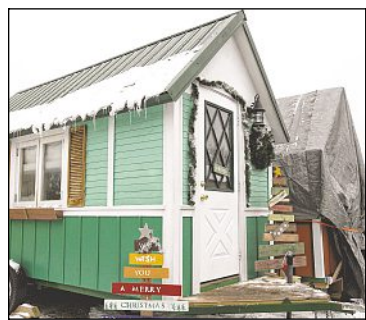
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'AN AMAZING FEELING'



The Rev. Bil Sutlief (left) talks with Mike Wagner of SCS Builders last week as the rebuilding of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in New London continued. The church was torn apart during a storm in August. WM.GLASHEEN/POST-CRESCENT MEDIA

NEW LONDON CHURCH FINDS SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IN TORNADO AFTERMATH

By **Holly Meyer**
Post-Crescent Media

NEW LONDON — With today's celebration of God's physical entry into the world, it's easy for the Rev. Bil Sutlief to draw parallels between the birth of Christ and the new windows and walls standing at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church nearly five months after it was flattened by a tornado.

The Aug. 7 storm almost destroyed the New London church. But countless, unsolicited acts of generosity from the community and beyond helped the 600-plus-member congregation pick

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church's Christmas Day worship service starts at 9 a.m. today at the New London Senior Center at 600 W. Washington St. in New London.

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FAITH AND VALUES

Reporter Holly Meyer covers trends in the Fox Valley's faith community as part of Post-Crescent Media's commitment to coverage of the successes and challenges of life in the Fox Cities. If you have a faith-based story idea, contact Meyer at 920-993-1000, ext. 426, or hmeyer@postcrescent.com.



The Rev. Bil Sutlief leads members of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in New London in prayer as they gather outside their church for service and Scripture reading. RON PAGE/POST-CRESCENT MEDIA



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