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'Keep the flame of hope'

Vigil remembers 5-year-old fatally shot Monday

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Religious leaders, city officials and the public gathered Wednesday to share a message of hope, love, strength and peace in a time of despair for a Kenosha family.

Members of Congregations United to Serve Humanity and the community stood in a light rain in the parking lot of Grace Lutheran Church, 2006 60th St., to offer encouragement to the family of 5-year-old Dakari Weldon, who was fatally shot at a home in the 2000 block of 60th Street Monday.

They held a candlelight vigil in the east parking lot of the church right next to the house where the shooting took place.

"We've gathered together this afternoon, because gun violence has happened in this neighborhood," said Rabbi Dena Feingold of Beth Hillel Temple as she stood with her back to Dakari's home. "We stand with those who live here and work here. We believe that the Holy One is calling us to unity and peace."

"We believe that the Holy One draws near to us in our fear, and that, when we stand together, we are stronger," she said.

The Rev. Jonathan Barker of Grace Lutheran



Landon Willenbring, center, and his grandfather Dave Kramer, second from right, attend a CUSH vigil at Grace Lutheran Church on Wednesday for a 5-year-old child killed by a gunshot.

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Church recited Psalm 34:18 before asking for peace and comfort for the family during "this time of great turbulence."

Sister Cecilee Karns, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, not only asked for a "spirit of peace" for the neighborhood surrounding Dakari's home and the church, but also that the

family will be able to "remember the life that was lived and the life that will be had on the other side."

'A failure to protect our children'

As the nearly 60 in attendance repeated her words, Feingold led them in a prayer to "make the ground sacred" again after

it had been tarnished by "a failure to protect our children."

"Tonight, we reclaim God's holy ground. We will seek peace as best we are able," Feingold said. "We pledge that the life of the dead child will not have been in vain. We give thanks to God for his brief life. We pledge that we will live lives that honor all.

We pledge that we will not perpetrate violence.

"We pray for those that have left lethal weapons unsecured. We recognize that we are part of God's plan. We recognize that we are part of God's healing and peace. We ask God to heal us and to restore this sacred ground."

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Two arrested in death of 5-year-old

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Two Kenosha men have been arrested in connection with the shooting death of a 5-year-old in Kenosha.

According to Kenosha Police, Javonn Cannon and Jovonn Cannon, both 24, were arrested Wednesday.

Police will refer the following charges to the Kenosha County District Attorney's Office:

■ Javonn Cannon: Homicide by negligent handling of a firearm.

■ Jovonn Cannon: Leaving a loaded firearm within reach or access of a child.

The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office confirmed that 5-year-old Dakari Weldon suffered a fatal gunshot wound during a shooting incident Monday that occurred inside a residence in the 2000 block of 60th Street.

Both Cannons are slated to appear in Kenosha intake court today.

Deadly crash a 'horrific scene'

State patrol takes over probe of fiery chain-reaction collision

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The mid-morning fiery crash on I-94 in Racine County is "the worst" Racine County Sheriff Christopher Schmaling has seen.

"The 'horrific scene' involved two semitrailer trucks and three other vehicles, resulting in at least two fatalities, and sent three to area hospitals with serious injuries.

"In my 24 years on this job, this is the worst accident I have ever been part of," Schmaling said. "Both the semi-tractor trailer drivers are deceased if they are the sole occupants of those trucks."

Schmaling said multiple 911 calls starting coming in at 11 a.m.

"There were reports of fire. There were reports of explosions ..." he said at a news conference late Wednesday afternoon. "It was sort of a chain of events that resulted in the unfortunate loss of life."

The crash closed the interstate for more than seven hours, leaving some stuck in a traffic jam and snarling traffic on arterial highways. Commuters

traveling southbound were detoured at Highway 20 to Highway 31. Motorists traveling northbound were detoured at Highway G to Highway 45.

Started at construction

According to Schmaling, initial investigation indicates a semitractor-trailer traveling southbound on I-94 near 50th Road hit a construction barrier while making a lane change. The driver of that truck reportedly over-corrected and then hit the concrete median wall that separates the northbound and southbound lanes.

Schmaling said the force of the impact shoved that median wall into the northbound lanes.

"As a result, three (northbound) passenger vehicles also collided with one another, with the barriers and with the wall itself," Schmaling said.

The driver of a northbound semitrailer then took evasive action swerving to the east and careened off the highway, crashing to the area of the frontage road below.

"That semitrailer went



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The remains of one of the semitrailers sits along I-94 Wednesday after flaming debris was extinguished.

off the road and burst into flames as well," Schmaling said.

Both trucks were fully engulfed in flames when deputies arrived on scene, he said.

"This could have been just a simple mistake on this person's part that led to a chain of events," he said. "It only takes one person to make one small error and it has devastating effects, as we've seen today."

Deceased driver a 'hero'

Schmaling called the driver of the second semitrailer a "hero" for avoiding a crash with the passenger vehicles ahead.

"One occupant (of the passenger vehicles) walked away without any injury," Schmaling said.

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AP PHOTO

Smoke billows from a semi after a deadly crash on Interstate 94 in Caledonia, on Wednesday. Authorities said the semi crashed and exploded and ignited other vehicles on the interstate in southeastern Wisconsin.



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DEATHS

Alvin Pryse, 90, of Kenosha, died on Tuesday.
Patricia May Guarascio, 82, of Kenosha, died on Tuesday.

Geraldine B. "Geri" Binder, 79, of Racine, died on Monday.
Hugo Leitzke, 83, of South Milwaukee, died on Monday.

Leonard E. Scanlan Jr., 87, of Salem, died on Monday.
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