



# *The Messenger*

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## **Pastor's Corner**

This month we highlight some very important service work in our congregation. The names of the workers, though, will have to be left blank. God-willing, your name will soon help fill in the blanks. This vital workforce hasn't yet been assembled, but we must, and we will start soon, and we hope you'll join us. It's the work that helps ensure our congregation's future, the work that directly carries out our God-given mission. It's the work of evangelism. You know Jesus' crystal clear mandate to us believers. He states our job description in Matthew 28. **"Go and make disciples of all nations . . . ."** Well, with a year already under our belts together as a pastor and a church, and with warm summer opportunities on the way, it's time for us to start doing our jobs.

I see the June and July church calendars, and they're refreshingly clear. Don't get me wrong. I enjoy my work, but it's good to anticipate a relaxed workload till things pick up again in late August. I, and maybe you too, plan to take vacation time in the coming months. Strategic rest is good, but let's also use the extra time we have to spread our Trinity blessings to the community. We are an active and friendly congregation. We have a leadership poised to take the initiative and provide support for our elderly and special needs members. We are full of fresh, fun ideas from our

new Fellowship Committee (such as their recent success, the church picnic). We are full of opportunities and enjoyment for children, full of kind and cheerful families, full of excellent casserole and dessert makers. (My young taste buds definitely vouch for the last one.) Most importantly, we are a congregation that reflects the priceless values of our synod. We teach God's Word in its truth and purity, and emphasize its sparkling gem – salvation by grace alone, through faith alone in Christ's saving work.

Let's start inviting our neighbors to share in our rich blessings. Let's start doing organized evangelism as a congregation. At our annual voter's meeting in July, we'll vote to hopefully approve a Board of Evangelism, which would spearhead this effort. In the meantime, though, groundbreaking work needs to be done. We need to form a prospect list for our area. Prospects are unchurched people, people who are not presently members of a Christian church. Maybe you think you know who your neighbors are, but there's a lot of people out there, more that are building houses or buying or renting houses all the time. Finding out exactly who and where our prospects are, in Liberty, rural Manitowoc, Pigeon Lake, Valders, Whitelaw, and so on, will help us narrow the scope of later evangelism efforts. *"Prospects Plus"*, a computer program written by a WELS pastor in Georgia and available for our use, can help us establish this record, as it was designed specifically to track prospects by their home address.

The door-to-door work necessary to compile a prospect list may seem like drudgery. The charm of this work, though, is its breathtaking ease. Simply knock on a door and say, *"Hello, I'm so-and-so from Trinity Lutheran Church in Liberty. I'm just wondering if you have a church home right now."* Then, you write down the person's answer. Now if someone feigns membership in a church just so we leave him (her) alone, that's a shame. We can't help that. We can only pray that such a person "gets real" spiritually at

some point in his (her) life. But for those who admit they are unchurched, we've gained the precious identification of a needy soul who needs the life-saving gospel that we have. If you want to be part of our door-to-door, prospect-seeking effort this summer, please give me a call at 758-3800, or leave me an e-mail at [gjpope@hotmail.com](mailto:gjpope@hotmail.com). As Jesus said, "**The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few**" (Matthew 9). Why not be a worker?

### *Church Group of the Month: Lutheran Pioneers*

Lutheran Pioneers is for boys and girls, grades kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Our Pioneers group was led by John Smith for many years, but he is now planning on handing this over to Jeff Kasten. The group meets once a month during the school year and has activities and presentations through out the year. Some of the activities/presentations they had this past year were: Learning to tie knots, macramé, learning about birds, building derby cars to race, Fire Dept. presentation, making gingerbread houses, making Christmas cards at Nursing homes for Soldiers, and how to cook out while camping! If you think you may be interested in signing up your children watch for news in the bulletin at the start of school next year!

## MLHS Matching funds

There was some confusion on the MLHS Matching funds this year as some of the rules have changed. MLHS has provided us with the following information.

Matching funds rules & procedures for the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans GivingPlus program have changed! For 2005, members can donate to two different eligible Lutheran organizations each year, such as MLHS and an elementary school. Gifts can be for any amount, up to \$600 for each organization (up from \$400 last year); the match of \$1 for every \$2 donated can then result in an extra \$300 to each school (up from \$200 last year)! Married couples are able to donate a total of \$2,400 in a year to up to 4 schools, and generate a total match of \$1,200! Gift forms can be submitted numerous times throughout the year (so smaller gifts working toward the \$600 maximum can be matched as they are made, rather than waiting until year-end as in the past).

Thrivent has also implemented a Challenge Grant Initiative for 2005. MLHS has been assigned the goal of receiving 388 GivingPlus gifts – of any amount - in 2005 (in comparison to 277 received in 2004). Should MLHS achieve this goal they would be able to share proportionately in the \$800,000 grant, along with any other institutions who meet their own goals. Schools must enroll in the Challenge program by 7/1/2005.

Finally, one other change deals with gifts made by individuals who are NOT members of Thrivent Financial for

Lutherans (eg. don't own an insurance or investment product through them). If you are not a member, but are willing to pay a \$10 fee to Thrivent for a "Family Membership," all the above matching funds rules apply for everyone in your house age 16 and older!

If you have any questions on the program, please contact Scott Reinhard, MLHS Development Director, at 682-0215 x.103.

## **Announcements**

### **Vacation Bible School**



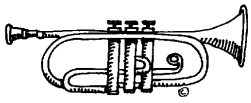
Vacation Bible School will be Tuesday, August 2 - Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 P.M. Please mark your Calendars. More information to come.

Contact Mark Knutson at 775-4635 if you have any questions.

### **Altar Flowers**

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for anyone wishing to do the altar flowers for a weekend. If you have any questions please contact Louette Propson-Enders at 775-4389.

## Trinity Band



The Trinity Band is once again organizing for a performance on June 19, Father's Day. We are looking for a lot of new members of all ages. Do you play (or did you once play) an instrument? (or know someone who does?) Would you like to join in on a simple arrangement of music to praise our Savior? We would love to have you join us. Please contact Jen Coutts if you are interested. 682-4429.



## Church Attendance for May

Sunday	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	: 135
Thursday	May 5 <sup>th</sup>	: 35
Saturday	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	: 39
Sunday	May 8 <sup>th</sup>	: 145
Saturday	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	: 29
Sunday	May 17 <sup>th</sup>	: 157
Saturday	May 21 <sup>st</sup>	: 25
Sunday	May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	: 131
Saturday	May 28 <sup>th</sup>	: 32
Sunday	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	: 87

## Sunday School Attendance

May 1 <sup>st</sup>	: 23
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	: 23
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	: 23
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	: 21

# Congratulations!!!



## *Perfect Sunday School Attendance for May*

### Pre-k & Kindergarten

Lindsay Glaeser  
Caden Jungbluth  
Benjamin Kiesow  
Joshua Kiesow  
Allyson Jungbluth  
Amanda Knutson

### Grades 1 & 2

Heidi Knutson  
Rachel Nagel

### Grades 3 & 4

Breanna Glaeser  
Nicole Glaeser  
Desirae Kiesow  
Kalie Knutson

### Grades 5-8

Brett Glaeser  
Joe Nagel

## *Prayer Requests*



***Please keep the following people in your prayers:***

\*Lucille Teesch who was recently hospitalized for testing of various health problems.



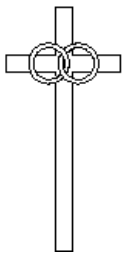
## June Birthdays

### **A Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to...**

6/6 Wayne Petersen  
6/8 Paul Nagel  
6/10 Denise Free  
6/10 Nicole Glaeser  
6/10 Arlene Schreiber  
6/11 Florence Hinz  
6/11 Eli Kenneke  
6/11 Michael Rusch  
6/11 David Schultz  
6/12 Heather Arnold  
6/13 Derrick Krey  
6/13 Pam Lutze  
6/14 Breanna Glaeser  
6/16 Zechariah Kenneke

6/17 Jeff Kasten  
6/17 Marty Kiesow  
6/19 Stephanie Nagel  
6/20 Damian Bushman  
6/20 Lisa Petersen  
6/23 Josh Fitzgerald  
6/23 Linda Grunow  
6/23 Gary Luckow  
6/23 Tammie Nagel  
6/25 Tammy Glaeser  
6/26 Dan Knutson  
6/28 Nancy Matznick

\*If you have a June birthday and it is not listed or your birthday is listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update the information. Thanks!



## Happy Anniversary To...

6/2 Robert & Bernice Vetting  
6/6 Harold & Ann Luebke  
6/8 Ken & Yvonne Netzer  
6/12 Ralph & Jane Schultz  
6/13 Kevin & Sheri Schreiber  
6/14 Derrick & Susan Krey  
6/17 Larry & Lois Fischer  
6/26 Richard & Joni Vetting

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### Greeter Schedule

June 5<sup>th</sup> Kermit & Mabel Liermann  
June 12<sup>th</sup> Fred & Janice Wehausen  
June 19<sup>th</sup> Donna Nagel & Harold Bratz  
June 26<sup>th</sup> Ed & Janet Matthias

### Usher Schedule

June 4<sup>th</sup> Harold Bratz, Bradley Liermann, Peter Liermann  
June 5<sup>th</sup> James Glaeser, Mike Enders,  
Dean Luebke, Fritz Wehausen  
June 11<sup>th</sup> Harold Bratz, Steve Pleuss  
June 12<sup>th</sup> Len Arnold, Brian Glaeser,  
Wayne Otto, Juel Knutson  
June 18<sup>th</sup> John Smith, Mark Kiesow, Andy Kiesow  
June 19<sup>th</sup> Warren Lutze, Mark Knutson,  
Dan Knutson, Dean Luebke  
June 25<sup>th</sup> Harold Bratz, Chris Mangin  
June 26<sup>th</sup> David Schultz, Earl Glaeser, Gary Vetter, James Ott



### Altar Guild Schedule

**June:** Janet Matthias & Janice Wehausen

\* 11-12 Communion, Communion Banner



# Kids Corner

## Bible Quiz

1. From which Philistine city was Goliath?
  - a. Ekron
  - b. Damascus
  - c. Ashkelon
  - d. Gath
  
2. The queen of which land came to meet Solomon?
  - a. Samaria
  - b. Syria
  - c. Sheba
  - d. Smyrna
  
3. The Apocalypse was written from which island?
  - a. Tarshish
  - b. Madagascar
  - c. Cyprus
  - d. Patmos
  
4. David was a king in this city before he reigned in Jerusalem:
  - a. Hinnom
  - b. Bethel
  - c. Hebron
  - d. Bethlehem
  
5. This church in Asia was mentioned in Revelation and means 'brotherly love':
  - a. Agape
  - b. Magog
  - c. Philadelphia
  - d. Jerusalem

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Answers: 1.) d 2.)c 3.) d 4.) c 5.) c

# Word Search

K	H	S	Z	L	E	G	N	A	Z
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(UP / DOWN/ DIAGONAL / BACKWARDS)

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|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Judges   | 5. Zephaniah | 9. Burial | 13. Adam  |
| 2. Samuel   | 6. Heals     | 10. Teach | 14. Lord  |
| 3. Levites  | 7. Blind     | 11. Walks | 15. Moses |
| 4. Habakkuk | 8. Mute      | 12. Water | 16. Angel |

