



# The Messenger

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## Pastor's Corner

I remember playing Red Rover. I remember it fondly. If you're not familiar, Red Rover's the game where two groups hold hands to form human chains and then the two chains face each other. One group says, "Red rover, red rover, let so-and-so come over". Then that person picks a spot in the chain and tries to run through. If the person breaks the grip of two people, he gets to take one back to his (her) side. If the grip of the two people in the chain holds, the person that "came over" has to stay as a prisoner of that other team. Sound confusing? Actually it's a whole lot of fun, except for the times you get clotheslined trying to run through, but even that experience has charms of its own.

I remember getting my thirst quenched by a banana Popsicle every now and then, and getting ice cream later on. I remember breaking into small groups and having devotion. I remember singing a song about Noah and his ark that went, "Ri--ise, and shi--ine, and give God the glory, glory". And it ended with a line in the last verse saying, "every – thing – is hunky-dorry, dory, children of the Lord".

Maybe you have your own memory fragments to piece together when you think back to Vacation Bible School. If you were privileged enough to attend as a child, you probably remember that there was always a wonderful balance of activities – devotion, snacks, playground games, and a craft. The activities lead from one to the next as deliciously as the graham, chocolate, and marshmallow of a s'mores bar.

I'm enjoying myself at VBS now almost as much as I did then. Now the fun is in the watching, watching the smiles on the cute faces of the children, knowing that they're experiencing right now the same joys that have stuck with me for twenty-some years. It's neat, too, to see things change. Now

we do devotions all together. I'm teaching, instead of sitting in the chairs, listening. Now there aren't Popsicles, but even better snacks like rootbeer floats and giraffe heads (a snack made out of a peeled pear, raisins, peanut butter, and celery, made to look like a giraffe head). The games they're now playing are tried and true favorites, like Duck-Duck-Goose and the Hokey Pokey, and also new creative relay games. I don't remember the crafts we did back then, but now they're painting their own hats to take home, and doing other cool things.

One thing that makes today's VBS better than my childhood experience is the theme. I don't remember ever having an emphatic theme, but today there's a theme every year. This year's is a Jungle Safari. It's called, "Kingdom of the Son". Wait a second. Let me take that back. Every WELS VBS that I've been a part of has had a theme, a theme besides a jungle, or a tropical island, or fishing. The underlying theme has always been Jesus and his gospel. This year, wonderfully, is no different. The hats that the kids are decorating have crosses on them. One imaginary safari involves the kids learning how to pray to Jesus when they're in danger. The songs are about letting the light of your faith shine. "Hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let it shine."

A hearty thank you to Carol Glaeser, Tammy Glaeser, Jessica Jungbluth, Anna Knutson, Mark Knutson, Connie Mangin, Nancy Matznick, Donna Nagel, Jennifer Schaller, and Diane Smith. Along with my help, they've worked so very hard to preach the Savior to these adorable kids. And just as important, they've made it fun for the children – laughter is still ringing in my ears. It's been a blast. But today is Thursday, the last day. Maybe we will, I mean, they will get to play Red Rover. We'll see.

*Pastor Pope*



## **From The President**

The voters, at the Annual Voter's Meeting, adopted a proposed **CONGREGATIONAL WORK PLAN**. This plan is outlined in the voter's meeting synopsis. The plan that was adopted is to be, for the most part, completed in the new fiscal year, July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

This plan is as stated, a **CONGREGATIONAL PLAN**, meaning that all the members of the congregation get involved in the successful completion of the activities listed. We will need members to serve on the constitution review committee, the building committee, and if adopted, serve on the Board of Evangelism. There is work for every member's personal talents. The more that help, the easier the load becomes.

If you would like to serve on any of the committees (we only need 2 more for the constitution committee at this writing) please call me or talk to me at church. Now is the time for **all** members to take ownership of **their** congregation.

*John Smith*, Congregational President

## **VOTER'S MEETING SYNOPSIS**

The following items were brought before the voters for approval.

The voters adopted the **CONGREGATIONAL WORK PLAN** as presented by the church council. This plan includes: a review of Trinity's constitution and bylaws with the addition of a Board for Evangelism; the addition of another communion service; the addition of another alternative service; the formation of a building committee to address the handicap needs, Narthex roof leaks, offices for the secretary and pastor in church, a complete site plan of our grounds, and to prepare a phased building project to address the needs of Trinity in the years to come. The formation of the Fellowship Committee and Worship Committees has already been approved by the voters.

The voters approved the replacement of the furnace in the Trinity Family Center with 2 new hot water boilers and programmable thermostats.

The voters approved the interior redecoration of the church, which will include filling cracks, covering the existing plaster with a fiber mesh to slow the appearance of future cracking, and repainting. The contractor is scheduled to start after the January 1, 2006 and be completed by Easter. The voters asked the council to look into the lighting prior to the redecorating and that the stained glass windows be looked at also. The windows will be referred to the building committee. The funds for this project, of \$42,500.00, are already available through the generous giving of the congregation over the past couple of years and some undesignated funds from the Eberhardt estate.

The voters approved an 8% increase in our MLHS commitment. This is the amount that MLHS asked in increase.

The voters approved paying the complete tuition cost and majority of other fees for the Trinity children attending St. John's, Newtonburg. This is a continuation of the policy that was originally adopted

## **COMFORT ZONE**

The pastor brought to my attention that some members feel it is still too warm in church. This was brought out after a council meeting at which it was decided, upon professional advice, at what temperature to set the air conditioning and when to turn it on or off.

Due to the design of our heating/cooling system and the age and design of our building there will be different areas of comfort in our church. If you prefer cooler in summer and warmer in winter, please sit closer to the front. If you prefer the opposite, please sit towards the rear.

I have found in walking from the back toward the altar with the collection plates that there is a very noticeable difference in temperature from the front to the back of church. I just recently sat within 5 pews of the front on what at this time has been the hottest day of the year and was quite comfortable all through the service.

The ceiling has been inspected by a building inspector and found to be very solid even though there are those large cracks near the front. Pastor Pope has proven to be very cordial and does not bite. The ushers start at the front when dismissing the congregation. All of these items, plus the fact that the air comes from the vents in front of church should allow you to be able to find a seat that is more comfortable if someone does not get it first.

Congregational President

# **Announcements**

## ***Thank You!***

Thank you to Jim & Julie Glaeser and the rest of the fellowship committee for all their hard work in organizing the Brewer's game outing. The afternoon was a success, all the way around. The food was delicious. They picked seats perfectly centered in the shade! The Brewers won! Everyone enjoyed themselves and looked forward to the next upcoming event. Photos to come in the next Messenger.

## ***Sunday School Teachers Meeting Changed***

There will be a Sunday School Teachers Meeting on Thursday August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 6:30 P.M. in the basement of the church. This is different than was on the August Calendar. (Was in conflict with Church Council) Anyone interested in teaching or helping out is welcome to attend. If you have any questions contact Mark Knutson 775-4635.

## ***Sunday School Registration Forms***

There are Sunday School Registration sheets in the back of the narthex. Please fill them out and return them by August 11<sup>th</sup> so materials can be ordered.

**WELS strives to put house in order**

**THE 58TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**July 29, 2005**

**WELS STRIVES TO PUT HOUSE IN ORDER**

"If I made a bumper sticker for our convention," said committee chairman Pastor Timothy Gauger, "It would read 'Get Our House In Order.'" Gauger was speaking on the opening day of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod's (WELS') 58th Biennial Convention in New Ulm, Minnesota.

Faced with rising costs to ministry and flat revenues, recalling missionaries from foreign fields and at-risk ministerial education schools, the delegates led the way by declaring ministerial education, mission outreach, and publications as "essential ministries and the synod's core work." Those ministries will receive funding priority.

The extent of the concerns surfaced early in the first election as incumbent First Vice President Wayne Mueller first lost, then won reelection after early winner Rev. David Kolander of Brookfield, Wis., declined the call. In accepting his election, Mueller said, "I humbly and I do emphasize humbly, accept your call to be vice president. And I beg your prayers for me and all those who serve you. Pray for God's wisdom for us, along with your own appeal to the throne of God to examine your personal stewardship and your encouragements to your congregation, to consider the great blessings we have at the cross, to kneel there, and to rise in appreciation of his grace."

Although the delegates passed a balanced budget, they faced the constant reminder that this two-year budget comes at great expense to ministry. It allows for no new traditional home mission starts, calls for three world missionaries to be recalled in the first year and 10 in the second, decreased funding of the ministerial education schools, and a 21 percent decrease in Parish Services. The \$41,669,000 budget the first year and \$41,769,000 the second are both more than four percent below the past year's budget.

In view of the constraints, the assembly reaffirmed its support for the ministerial education system consisting of two prep schools, a college of ministry, and a seminary, but with reduced funding from the past year. The schools, for the first time in their histories, will need to receive independent funding to survive.

To help get our house in order, the convention approved several initiatives without increasing the budget.

Developing a \$300 million endowment (\$150 million for ministerial education and \$150 million for mission outreach) plus \$50 million for capital needs.

Calling a full-time director of communications to develop a strategy for improving synodwide communications.

Starting a Web video broadcasting network.

Training everyone in sound Christian stewardship, reaching from the president to the people in the pews.

Streamlining the administration structure of WELS ministries.

Improving financial systems with the help of nonbudgetary funds.

Asked to comment on the state of things, President Karl R. Gurgel said, "Admittedly, we have a serious financial situation. Expenses exceed projected revenue by a considerable margin, millions. Financial support for the synod's worker training schools is in short supply. Mission expansion at home and abroad has ground to a halt. However, trusting God's faithful grace, WELS is serious about making a concerted effort to meet the challenges, erasing the shortages, once again seizing mission and ministry opportunities."

WELS, characterized as theologically conservative, is the third largest Lutheran church body in the United States. With national offices at 2929 N. Mayfair Rd., Milwaukee, Wis., WELS includes 1,259 congregations serving 400,858 baptized members in North America.

WELS helps support 195 congregations in its home missions program.

WELS supports 57 world missionaries and 19 teachers working in 36 different languages in 23 countries, serving with 122 national pastors among 72,929 baptized members.

For more information on WELS, contact its headquarters at 414-256-3210 or visit [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net).

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### Church Attendance for July

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>: 34  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>: 76                      Weekend Total: 110

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>: 40  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>: 104                      Weekend Total: 144

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>: 32  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>: 103                      Weekend Total: 135

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>: 33  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>: 102                      Weekend Total: 135

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>: 39  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>: 128                      Weekend Total: 167

Total Attendance for the month of July: 651

### August Birthdays



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

8/3 Jacob Krim  
8/3 Darlene Schnell  
8/5 Charles Lovell, Jr.  
8/7 Al Bonfigt  
8/7 Walter Kiesow  
8/7 Dianne Schultz  
8/8 Dean Luebke  
8/9 Marlena Free  
8/9 Lauren Petersen  
8/10 Amanda Knutson  
8/10 Uriah Matznick

8/13 Andrew Kiesow  
8/15 Kalie Knutson  
8/19 Kayla Kasten  
8/22 Desirae Kiesow  
8/27 Doris Wehausen  
8/29 Lucille Jaeger  
8/29 Aaron Wallander  
8/30 Hannah Bratz  
8/30 Heidi Bratz  
8/31 Lisa Kiesow  
8/31 Tyler Teesch  
8/31 Robert Vetting

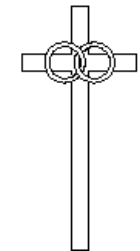
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### **80 Years & more of God's Glory!**

8/10 Harold Schnell – 83 years old!  
8/22 Reuben Gass – 90 years old!

## *Happy Anniversary To...*

8/4 Michael & Marilyn Kaufmann – 32 years!  
8/6 David & Dianne Schultz – 39 years!  
8/9 Mark & Darlene Kiesow - 25 Years!  
8/18 Kermit & Mabel Liermann – 51 years!  
8/24 Harold & Lucille Jaeger – 59 years!  
8/30 Reuben & Jane Gass – 65 years!  
8/31 Jeff & Sherri Kasten – 15 years!



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



## Greeter Schedule

August 7<sup>th</sup> – Connie Mangin

August 14<sup>th</sup> – Paul & Tammie Nagel Family

August 21<sup>st</sup> – Brian & Carol Glaeser Family

August 28<sup>th</sup> – Jim & Jodi Krim Family

## Usher Schedule

August 6<sup>th</sup> David Schultz, Steve Pleuss

August 7<sup>th</sup> Len Arnold, Derrick Krey, Brian Glaeser, Fritz Wehausen

August 13<sup>th</sup> John Smith, Mark Kiesow, Andy Kiesow

August 14<sup>th</sup> Warren Lutze, Mark Knutson, Dean Luebke, James Ott

August 20<sup>th</sup> James Glaeser, Chris Mangin

August 21<sup>st</sup> Len Arnold, Earl Glaeser, Keith Petersen, Mike Enders

August 27<sup>th</sup> David Schultz, Jim Liermann

August 28<sup>th</sup> Eli Kenneke, Wayne Otto, Derrick Krey, Fritz Wehausen

September 3<sup>rd</sup> Len Arnold, August Teesch

September 4<sup>th</sup> Warren Lutze, Earl Glaeser, Dean Luebke, Gary Vetter

September 10<sup>th</sup> John Smith, Bradley Liermann, Peter Liermann

September 11<sup>th</sup> David Schultz, Derrick Krey, James Ott, Wayne Otto

September 17<sup>th</sup> Harold Bratz, Al Bonfigt

September 18<sup>th</sup> Eli Kenneke, Brian Glaeser, Keith Petersen, Dan Knutson

September 24<sup>th</sup> John Smith, Steve Pleuss

September 25<sup>th</sup> James Glaeser, Mike Enders, Earl Glaeser, Mark Knutson

## Altar Guild Schedule

**August-** Elizabeth Otto & Orabelle Fisher



# Kids Corner

## Bible Quiz

1. What did the angel of God use to separate the camp of Israel and the Egyptians?
  - a. Tree
  - b. Goliath
  - c. Pillar of Clouds
  - d. A River
  
2. Who did the angel of the Lord stand in front of (blocking his way)?
  - a. Balaam
  - b. Bill
  - c. Zedekiah
  - d. Paul
  
3. While in prison Joseph met two prisoners who had dreamed dreams. What were the prisoners' jobs before they ended up in prison?
  - a. Butler & Baker
  - b. King & Priest
  - c. Baker & Priest
  - d. King & Butler
  
4. Where did Joseph live until he died?
  - a. Canaan
  - b. Israel
  - c. Egypt
  - d. New York
  
5. Who did Joseph get hired as a slave by?
  - a. Laban
  - b. Jacob
  - c. Barnabue
  - d. Potiphar

## Word Search

P	N	A	B	A	L	L	A	C	D
B	O	C	A	J	F	H	J	O	N
A	T	T	B	A	T	A	Y	M	O
M	E	M	I	I	A	N	D	M	I
E	A	D	A	P	T	L	R	U	T
L	C	F	K	A	H	U	O	N	U
B	H	G	Y	S	M	A	L	I	L
O	E	A	O	T	G	S	R	O	O
R	R	N	S	O	L	U	L	N	S
P	E	R	P	R	O	M	I	S	E

(UP / DOWN/ DIAGONAL / BACKWARDS)

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|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| 1. Potiphar  | 5. Pastor   | 9. Faith    | 13. Call |
| 2. Jacob     | 6. Solution | 10. Promise | 14. Saul |
| 3. Laban     | 7. Problem  | 11. Teacher | 15. Lamb |
| 4. Communion | 8. Pray     | 12. Lord    | 16. Son  |

But a certain Samaritan, as he  
journeyed, came where he was:  
and when he saw him, he had  
compassion on him,

*Luke 10:33*

