



# *The Messenger*

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[Pastor Pope's 19 year old sister, Natalie, recently returned from a three-week trip to the Ukraine and shares her experience with us in a two-part article. (Borrowed from the August 2005 *ALERT* of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Racine, WI.)] **Continued...**

## **Mission to Ukraine: Part 2** *by Natalie Pope*

Yes, my first thought as I entered the village that I would be staying at was, "Am I going to be living on a farm for the next three weeks?" Well, it wasn't a farm, but it wasn't exactly your typical suburban neighborhood either. My host family did have a refrigerator and, of course, a phone but they had no plumbing, which meant freezing showers outdoors and let's just say "less than desirable" bathroom situations.

The food, though, provided by my host family was excellent. Their names were *Olga* and *Alexi* and were actually the pastor's parents, so we were very close to the church. Olga, as I had been previously told that she would be, was an excellent cook. All of our dairy food that we ate (cottage cheese, mayonnaise, cheese, and milk) came from a cow that I saw on my first day [arrival] at the village. It belonged to the neighbor, and in exchange for its milk, Olga would give the neighbor tomatoes and cucumbers as payment.

The majority of my time spent in the village was eating those great meals, playing with the children, or having our Vacation Bible School. We held school for two hours every morning, and taught not only the Bible lessons, but also music, crafts, and their favorite lesson—English. The children were thrilled to have Americans come to their village [who were] just especially for them, so not many missed a day at school.

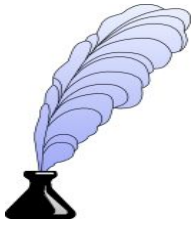
There were two things that I found to be remarkable about those Ukrainian children who I now miss so much. The first is that, besides the obvious difference in language and culture, when you get right down to it, they are really no different than the children here in America. Yes, they

spoke a different language and had been brought up under different living conditions than what we're used to, but just because they weren't rich or well-educated didn't mean they couldn't laugh and smile, and love candy, and want to learn new things just like the kids in the United States.

The second memorable thing about those children was something that broke my heart at first, but as time passed, it later gave me extreme joy. Although the children were a lot like they are here, it was hard to ignore the differences. It sometimes shocked me that they hadn't heard of "duck, duck, goose" or "Go Fish" (games), or of sidewalk chalk, bubbles, a jump rope...you name it! But the thing that really made my heart hurt was that a lot of those children had never gone to church before, or sung a hymn, let alone ever heard of Jesus. It made me sad knowing that the *good news* that Christian children here take so much for granted, hadn't even been told to them.

The excitement of us "Americans" coming had originally brought a lot of the children to the school, but it was so rewarding to see as the weeks went by that they would invite their friends; they wanted to let them know about Jesus and that he had come to save them, too. I can't express how great it felt to share the greatest news ever told to someone [of a Savior] who had never heard it before! It was very rewarding, and on the last day of school, even some parents came (as you can see from the picture).

By the end of the trip, we felt that we had done what we could. We planted the seed and now it was up to the Holy Spirit and the local pastor to make it grow. I think about and pray for the people and their children whom I got to know so well during my stay in the Ukraine. The opportunity of that mission trip I truly believe was a blessing, not only to spread the Gospel to those around me, but also to strengthen my faith as well. †



## **Message From The President**

### **OCTOBER VOTER'S MEETING REPORT**

The quarterly voter's meeting was held on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The following is a brief summary of that meeting.

The voter's approved the transfer in of the Jeff Knutson, and the Larry Hochkammer family, Larry, Amy & children, Brittany & Brayden. The voter's also ratified the transfer out of Bridget Boettger Dolittle to Grace.

The Board for Buildings & Grounds was directed to spend up to \$900.00 to repair the leaks in the Narthex roof. This is to consist of closing the drains through the roof and out the wall and opening holes in the wall extension at the roofline to let the water out directly. The board was also given the go ahead to spend \$393.00 on installing a light on the outside pole to light the west side stairway & entrance.

The Board for Education reported that St. John's actual enrollment fell short of their projected school enrollment by 8 students. This raised the cost per fulltime student for this year by approximately \$200.00. This increase in cost was **not** passed on to Trinity student attending St. John's.

The voters approved a 16' x 28' deck for the parsonage. The material cost for this came to \$3,143.00. Volunteers will build the deck. This is to be done this fall in order to receive some funds from Thrivent towards this project. **Watch for dates when you can help!**

Elections were held for Financial Secretary, Board for Spiritual Affairs Director, positions on Board for Education, Board for Building & Grounds, & MLHS Delegate. Len Arnold was reelected for a one year term. The church council will research candidates for election at the April, 2006 voter's meeting. That person will be trained by Len and fill out the balance of the three year term. Al Bonfigt was elected as Director of the Board for Spiritual Affairs. Gary Vetter was reelected to the Board for Building & Grounds. Dan Knutson was elected to the Board for Education. Steve Pleuss was elected as MLHS delegate.

The congregation owes a big thank you to David Schultz for his 6 years as Board of Spiritual Affairs Director, to Eli Kenneke for serving the Board for Education while serving as Director of the Board for Building and Grounds, to Gary Vetter and Len Arnold for continuing to serve, to Al Bonfigt, Dan Knutson, and Steve Pleuss for serving, and to those who allowed their name to be put in nomination.

*John Smith*, Congregational President

### **KEYS**

There is no record of who has keys to the buildings owned by the congregation. I would like to get this information recorded for insurance purposes.

If you have keys to any of the buildings, please call the church office and let Anna Knutson know which keys you have and the reason.

We have started a spreadsheet to record the keys. If you no longer have a use for the keys and would like to turn them in, please do so. This will save time and money in having keys made for those who need them.

Thank you,

*John Smith*, Congregational President

# **Announcements**

## **Sunday School Teachers Meeting**

There will be a Sunday School teachers meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. in the church basement.

## **Thank You!**

We would like to thank the fellowship committee and everyone who helped to make Mission/Fall Fest a success!

## **Ordering Poinsettias for Christmas**

There are envelopes in the narthex for signing up to help beautify the church for Christmas by purchasing Poinsettias for the poinsettia tree. Please specify which color on the envelope. They will be purchased from Hartman's Greenhouse. They are in 6 ½ inch pots, 15-17" tall, 4-6 flowers, red & white, \$8.25/pot. Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid. The deadline is December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Food Drive**

Trinity is having a non-perishable food drive for the food pantries the weeks prior to Thanksgiving. Please help to support this cause. The last day of the drive will be Sunday, November 20th. Watch for the container in the narthex.

## **Thank you!**

Thank you to everyone who came and helped with the start of building the new deck onto the parsonage. It was greatly appreciated!

## **Greeting Cards**

There is a new supply of greeting cards in the narthex. All profits will go to the Sunday School.

## **Altar Flowers**

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

## **MLHS Visitation**

Visitation (a.k.a. Parent/Grandparent's) day is November 15<sup>th</sup>. This is an ideal opportunity for anyone interested in spending time at MLHS during a "normal" school day. Observe student life and teachers in a classroom setting. Take cover during the 4-minute time interval between classes as students fill the hallways, open their lockers to grab different textbooks, and rush to their next class. Take part in a minimal cost breakfast served by the senior class and /or hot lunch served by Bethany with cost covered by MLHS. Come when it fits into your schedule and stay as long as you wish. Speaking of hot lunch, it's only a few months away but Trinity serves hot lunch at MLHS on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Coordinating this effort is the responsibility of the Board of Education. However, we will be looking for volunteers to step forward and help get things organized and staffed. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



## Members & Friends In The Military



[Levi Bushman](#) (son of Damian & Jane)

\*Address Coming Soon

[Paul & Erika Fisher Chute & 2 children](#) (Granddaughter of Orabelle Fisher)

772 A Broadway

Eielson AFB, AK 99702

(Both are members of the Air Force. Their military base is located near Fairbanks, Alaska. Paul is presently stationed in Kuwait. Erika is the granddaughter of Orabelle Fisher.)

[Mark Sornson](#) (Husband of Stacy)

SPC Sornson, Mark A.

OIF III, FOB Warhorse

HHC 3BTB, 3ID

APO-AE, 09397

(Is stationed over in Iraq)

[Aaron Wallander](#) (Son of Leon & Linda Wallander)

PV2 Wallander Aaron M

2-71, CAV, A-TRP 2<sup>nd</sup> PLT

Fort Drum, NY 13602

(Will be stationed State side for at least one year)

[Troy Weidling](#) (Connie Mangin's nephew)

Troy Weidling

PO Box 12602

Yuma , AZ 8536

\*Stationed in Japan

[Mark Sward](#) (Boyfriend of Pastor's sister, Natalie)

SPC Mark S. Sward

HHC2-128<sup>th</sup> IN

2490 25<sup>th</sup> St.

*Camp Shelby, MS 39407-5500*

(Stationed in Kuwait)

[Bryan Denk](#) (Former Member of Trinity)

[Bryan.a.denk@us.army.mil](mailto:Bryan.a.denk@us.army.mil)

(Stationed in Iraq)

## **Collection For Soldiers**

We are collecting items for soldiers. Now is the time to send them items for Christmas (such as decorations/blank Christmas cards they can send out, etc) so it reaches them in time. Mike Enders will be in charge of putting the packages together and shipping them out. Anything you donate would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please contact him at 775-4389. There is also a container next to the box for monetary donations to help cover the cost of shipping. Thanks for your support! There are post-its next to the box if you would like your items to go to a specific soldier. If there is anyone else in the military you would like added to the list please let Anna Knutson know at 758-7500 or [icecreamfit@yahoo.com](mailto:icecreamfit@yahoo.com) Thanks!

### **Item ideas:**

Christmas/seasonal decorations

Blank Christmas cards

Individually wrapped snacks (for out on missions)

Candy: Fruit rollups/gummy snacks/liquorish/suckers

Microwave able foods: soups/pop corn/

Ramen noodles

Dry drink mixes to add to water: (single Serving) Crystal Lite, Gatoraid, tea, Specialty coffee

Oatmeal

Razors (Mach 3 gets requested a lot)

Pens/Paper

Phone cards

DVDs New/used

CD's Music New/Used

Bar soap, Shampoo, Conditioner

Baby wipes

Power bars

Lotion

Microwave able bowls/containers

Games (board or electronic)

Puzzles

Stationary

Envelopes

(They don't need stamps they get to send mail free)

\*Anything to make their living area "smell better" ☺

Pre-packaged cookies

Foot powder

Visine

Beef jerky/sticks

Crackers

Sugar Cereals

Packer Decorations/ Items

\*Anything you might miss far away from home away from "American" products.



## *Church Attendance for October*

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> :	33	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	122	Weekend Total: 155
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> :	39	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> :	120	Weekend Total: 159
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> :	21	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> :	96	Weekend Total: 117
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	35	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> :	251	Weekend Total: 276 (Mission/Fall Fest)
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> :	28	
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> :	122	Weekend Total: 150

Total Attendance for the month of October: 867



## *Bible Study Attendance*

Sunday October 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	15
Sunday October 9 <sup>th</sup> :	17
Sunday October 16 <sup>th</sup> :	No Bible Class
Sunday October 23 <sup>rd</sup> :	No Bible Class
Sunday October 30 <sup>th</sup> :	13

# *Sunday School Attendance*

Pre – k thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

October 2<sup>nd</sup>: 23

October 9<sup>th</sup>: 20

October 16<sup>th</sup>: 21

October 23<sup>rd</sup>: 24

October 30<sup>th</sup>: 21

## *Sunday School Perfect Attendance For September!*

**Pre- K & Kindergarten:** Lindsay Glaeser, Faith Knutson

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Allyson Jungbluth, Heidi Knutson

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Nicole Glaeser, Kalie Knutson, Lynsay Smith

**5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Breanna Glaeser, Brett Glaeser, Samantha Ott

*A+*

*Congratulations to the Sunday School kids who memorized all their memory work for the month of September!!!:*

**Pre- K & Kindergarten:** Lindsay Glaeser, Brittany Hochkammer, Caden Jungbluth, Benjamin Kiesow, Joshua Kiesow, Faith Knutson

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Nicole Glaeser, Desirae Kiesow, Kalie Knutson, Rachel Nagel

**5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Breanna Glaeser, Brett Glaeser, Samantha Ott



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

11/1 James Glaeser

11/1 Jim Krim

11/2 Lu Ann Luckow

11/7 Lillian Borgwardt

11/8 Kevin Schreiber

11/10 Karen Kiesow

11/11 Alexander Kasten

11/13 Harold Bratz

11/13 Brandon Ratsch

11/18 Debbie Fitzgerald

11/19 Bonnie Wagner

11/20 Linda Wallander

11/22 Brett Glaeser

11/24 Allison Lutze

11/24 David Mellstrom

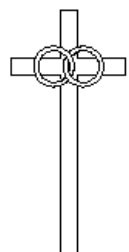
11/28 Michael Schreiber

11/30 Matt Prater

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

11/7 Lillian Borgwardt – 82 Years Young!



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## *Happy Anniversary To...*

11/1 Paul & Doris Wehausen – 58 Years!

11/4 Ross & Ruth Zimmerman – 5 Years!

11/6 Jody & Jim Krim – 12 Years!

11/8 Chad & Karen Knutson – 2 Years!

11/10 Allen & Doris Reichardt - 43 Years!

11/11 Gary & Lu Ann Luckow – 16 Years!

\*If you have a November 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

November 6 James & Julie Glaeser  
November 13 Bob & Gail Lietzau Family  
November 20 David & Dianne Schultz  
November 24 Steven & Eileen Pleuss  
November 27 Gary Vetter

## Usher Schedule

November 5<sup>th</sup> James Glaeser, August Teesch  
November 6<sup>th</sup> Eli Kenneke, Mike Enders, James Ott, Gary Vetter  
  
November 12<sup>th</sup> John Smith, Juel Knutson  
November 13<sup>th</sup> Warren Lutze, Brian Glaeser, Earl Glaeser, Fritz Wehausen  
  
November 19<sup>th</sup> Len Arnold, Steve Pleuss  
November 20<sup>th</sup> David Schultz, Mike Enders, Dan Knutson, Mark Knutson

## **Thanksgiving Service:**

November 24<sup>th</sup> John Smith, James Ott, Gary Vetter, Derrick Krey  
  
November 26<sup>th</sup> Harold Bratz, Mark Kiesow, Andy Kiesow  
November 27<sup>th</sup> James Glaeser, Wayne Otto, Brian Glaeser, Dean Luebke

## Altar Guild Schedule

**November** – Janet Matthias & Janice Wehausen  
(12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Communion & Communion Banner, Put up white paraments)  
(24<sup>th</sup> Put up Thanksgiving Banner)



# Kids Corner

## Bible Quiz

1. Where did the ark come to rest on?
  - a. Hills of Judea
  - b. Mount Gilboa
  - c. Forests of Lebanon
  - d. Mountains of Ararat
  
2. Where did Solomon build the house of the Lord?
  - a. Mount Moriah
  - b. Mount of Olives
  - c. Mount Carmel
  - d. Mount Tabor
  
3. Which was the Mount of Blessing?
  - a. Gerizim
  - b. Nebo
  - c. Zion
  - d. Olivec
  
4. What is an alternative name for Mount Hermon?
  - a. Zion
  - b. Sirion
  - c. Smyrna
  - d. Sinai
  
5. Who dwelt in Mount Seir?
  - a. Esau
  - b. Jacob
  - c. Lot
  - d. Ishmael

# Word Search

O	P	P	R	E	S	S	O	R	S
D	S	U	R	Y	C	E	E	T	A
E	N	L	U	A	P	C	B	A	T
W	O	R	D	S	A	M	O	R	S
H	I	T	R	R	A	R	A	S	E
L	T	G	G	H	S	P	Y	I	V
A	C	T	A	X	E	S	E	L	R
M	A	R	U	L	E	R	L	A	A
V	B	A	T	S	I	P	E	S	H
A	G	N	I	R	E	F	F	O	R

(UP / DOWN/ DIAGONAL / BACKWARDS)

1. Abraham
2. Ram
3. Offering
4. Fear
5. Actions
6. Words
7. Harvest
8. Seas
9. Trap
10. Grace
11. Oppressors
12. Taxes
13. Ruler
14. Cyrus
15. Silas
16. Paul

And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven. And he said, Do not harm your son for now I know that you fear God, seeing that you have not withheld your son from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

*Genesis 22*

