



The Messenger

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**Pastor's
Corner**

Pray for the President

You know that the president of the United States is elected every four years as voters from across the nation do the voting. But do you know how the president of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod is elected? That is less known but just as important for us to know. So here's a quick rundown concerning this unique creature that we call the WELS.

The president of our synod is elected at the synod convention. But before we talk about the *synod* convention, let's learn about the *district* convention. There are twelve districts in our synod. Each district has its own convention. District conventions are held every other year, every even year. Our Northern Wisconsin District convention last year was held at Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton. The district convention is more of an advisory body, a group to give a consensus and advice to the synod convention that meets on opposite, odd years. The synod convention is the authoritative body that votes synod officials into office and synod proposals into effect.

District convention is for all pastors in the district, along with lay delegates from each congregation. Synod convention is quite a bit more exclusive. Pastors can have thirty years of ministry under their belts and only go to a synod convention once. Synod convention delegates are chosen not by favoritism, but by a regular, unbiased rotation of all synod pastors that takes a long time to get all the way around.

We give you this review because some pretty important business was conducted at the recent synod convention held at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN, from July 30 to August 2, 2007. After fourteen years of leading our synod, President Karl Gurgel has stepped down. You probably know him as the kind man who has given Christmas messages in *WELS Connection* videos and written articles for *Forward in Christ* magazine. The Rev. Gurgel was a very inspirational, hard-working, and godly leader of our synod. It will be strange to see him fade to the background into retirement, but a great blessing seems to have sprung out of this change. The synod convention has

elected the Rev. Mark Schroeder to be the new president in his place. One bonus is that President Schroeder will not have to get used to being called “President”. He has been serving as the president of Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, WI, one of our synod preparatory schools, since before I went to high school there from 1992 to 1996. From my school days, I remember President Schroeder as a born leader, a well-spoken man with a level head whom you could trust to make good decisions.

Having seen his speeches to the convention by webcast, I can tell you that President Schroeder is an even more seasoned leader than when I knew him. He is also a strong defender of our synod’s called-worker training system. That is important because our system has come under attack recently. To reduce large financial debt, the synod proposal was to close Michigan Lutheran Seminary (not to be confused with our synod’s post-college, final-step school for training pastors, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary) by the end of this school year. A lot of WELS pastors, including me, feel that that would have been a very bad decision. Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS) is the other of our synod’s preparatory high schools, along with Luther Preparatory School (LPS), of which we just said, Mark Schroeder was the recent president.

Some see our synod prep schools as expendable, as almost the exclusive, rich kid, schools of our synod. But actually, these schools are not for rich kids. I went there. My family certainly wasn’t rich. MLS and LPS are boarding schools that offer quality scholarships and financial aid to help lower income families. And these prep schools aren’t exclusive. They are for every family that specifically wants to train their children to be WELS pastors and teachers. Now, area Lutheran high schools like Manitowoc Lutheran High School are also important Christian educators for our children and feeders for our worker training system. But our synod preparatory schools have historically been *the primary feeders* for our college and seminary.

Thankfully, President Schroeder and the delegates at the convention refused the proposal to cut Michigan Lutheran Seminary and a certain number of world missionaries to reduce debt. But to keep WELS ministry as is in spite of the current deficit will require an increase of 15% in congregational mission offerings (CMOs) over the next year. I understand that a spirit of hope spread through the convention as this goal was sought. “We know that our challenges are big, but we also know that our God is big,” said synod President Schroeder.

I agree. With the LORD’s help, area Lutheran high schools and synod preparatory schools can continue to work side-by-side to train students for works of service to Christ, just as local pastors and foreign missionaries work together. May we pray for this continued partnership in spreading the priceless gospel to a sin-sick world; may we pray for our newly elected president; and may we back it all up with our offerings.

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Correction from the Church President

CORRECTION

The year listed as the end of the council members term was reported in error in the annual report. The correct year for each member is listed below. I apologize for the error.

- John Smith President 2007
- James Glaeser Secretary 2007
- Len Arnold Treasurer 2005*
- Harold Bratz Financial Secretary 2009
- Al Bonfigt Spiritual Affairs 2008
- Gary Vetter Building & Grounds 2008
- Dan Knutson Education 2009

*Len Arnold has stayed beyond because no one has accepted this position. This position will now be outsourced.

John Smith, President

Announcements

Sunday School

Sunday School will be starting on Sunday September 9th at 8:15 a.m. for ages 3 through 8th grade. Please try to have your kids there by 8:15 a.m. We will be starting something different. We will all be meeting down in the large classroom to the right when you enter the Family Center each Sunday. We will be singing a song and will say a quick prayer and go off to our individual classes from there. Parents, that first Sunday, please stay briefly for that meeting so we can hand out handbooks and go over a few things. If your child came to Sunday School last year you do not need to register them. If they didn't attend last year and would like to come this year please let Jessica Jungbluth 775-3912 or Anna Knutson 775-3803 know so they can order supplies and get some contact information.

Family & Friends In The Military

We are gathering addresses again this year for our family members and friends who are in the military. Even if you gave names & addresses last year please resubmit them as this will allow us to know if the addresses have changed. Thanks!

Trinity Ladies Circle

Almost twenty ladies met in August and continued organizing the new ladies group, Trinity Ladies Circle. At this meeting we determined how women can become members. It is easy. You must be a communicant member of Trinity, read the constitution and sign a document indicating you agree with the bylaws and constitution. The next item we talked about were the activities provided by the Ladies Aid Group. We decided to continue supporting many of their activities, such as ordering *Forward in Christ* and *Meditations*, organizing and setting up for funeral lunches, supporting various mission groups, and more.

Please consider participating in the Trinity Ladies Circle. It is easy to join and a great way to meet fellow Christian ladies and assist with the mission our church. Our next meeting is September 25 at 6 pm in the fellowship hall, the church basement.

Mailboxes

You may have noticed your mailbox in a different spot. This was done to alleviate getting 3 or 4 Messengers to the same household. 18 year-olds or college age students still living at home will now find their mail in the family mailbox.

Repeat Performance . . .

will hold a bag sale September 10-15. Bags of clothing and shoes for \$4.00 with some exclusions. Repeat Performance is located behind Verlo Mattress and is open Monday through Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Scrip Reminder

Just a reminder that Scrip is now available at Trinity. You can help out MLHS or any student going to MLHS. Just indicate it on the form. Have the form in by Monday and you will receive Scrip in your mailbox by the next worship service. If you have any questions or need help filling the form out call the church secretary, 758-7500 (office), 758-2292 (home).

MLHS UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE COME AND SEE THE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM YOUR CONGREGATION USING THEIR TALENTS!

Week of 9/3 – 9/9

Tue 9/4 JV Football vs. Sevastopol (H); 5:30pm MLHS Board of Control; 6:30pm
Thur 9/6 Frosh Football vs. Roncalli (H); 4:30pm
Frosh & JV Volleyball @ Mishicot; 5:30pm
Fri 9/7 Varsity Football vs. Algoma (A); 7:00pm
Sat 9/8 Volleyball - Varsity vs Algoma (A); 9:00am
JV vs. West DePere (A); 9:30am
Cross Country vs. Roncalli (A); 10:00am

Week of 9/10 – 9/16

Mon 9/10 JV Football vs. Algoma (A); 5:30pm
Tue 9/11 Cross Country @ Sheboygan; 4:15pm
Volleyball - Frosh @ Valders; 5:30pm
JV A Roncalli; 5:30pm
Thur 9/13 Frosh Football vs. Reedsville (A); 4:30pm
Volleyball vs. Reedsville (H); 4:30pm
Fri 9/14 Varsity Football vs. Howards Grove (A); 7:00pm
Sat 9/15 Grade School Soccer Tournament @ MLHS (all day)
- Run/Pass/Kick and Bump/Set/Serve competition in the morning

JV Volleyball LIT @ Kettle Moraine; 9:00am Cross Country @ St. Lawrence;
10:00am

Week of 9/17 – 9/23

Mon 9/17 JV Football vs. Brillion (H); 4:30pm
Tue 9/18 Volleyball vs. Valders (A); 6:00pm
Wed 9/19 Homecoming Pep Rally
Thur 9/20 Frosh Football vs. Valders (H); 4:30pm
Volleyball vs. Chilton (H); 4:30pm
Fri 9/21 Cross Country @ Mishicot; 4:00pm

HOMECOMING – Varsity Football vs. Hilbert (H); 7:00pm

Friends of Lancer Celebration following game
Sat 9/22 Varsity Volleyball LIT @ Kettle Moraine; 9:00am

Week of 9/24 – 9/30

Mon 9/24 JV Football vs. Hilbert (A); 4:30pm
Tue 9/25 Volleyball vs. Wrightstown (A); 6:00pm
Thur 9/27 Cross Country @ Two Rivers; 4:00pm Frosh Football vs. Brillion (A); 4:30pm

Volleyball vs. Mishicot (A); 6:00pm

Fri 9/28 Varsity Football vs. Sevastopol (A); 7:00pm

Sat 9/29 Volleyball - JV County Tourney @ Two Rivers; 8:30am Varsity vs. Cedar Grove (A);
9:00am

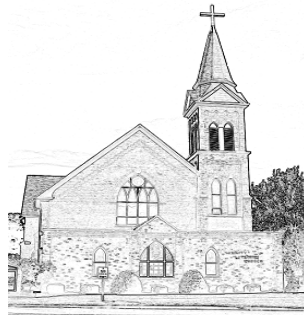
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Church Attendance for August



Saturday/Sunday = Total

August 2004

Week 1: 57/86 = 143

August 2005

Week 1: 33/94 = 127

Week 2: 33/116 = 111

August 2006

Week 1: 32/140 = 172

*VBS Kids sang

Week 2: 28 / 121 = 149

Week 3: 54 / 90 = 144

Week 4: 31 / 101 = 131

August 2007

Week 1: 39/99=138

Week 2: 48/103=151

Week 3: 40/93=133

Week 4: 42/92=134

"God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

John 4:24



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

*****9/1 Ralph Schultz
9/3 Matthew Fitzgerald
9/5 Myron Schreiber
9/6 Virginia Ratsch
9/7 Susan Krey
9/9 Donna Halverson
9/9 Bob Lietzau
9/13 Florence Bratz**

**9/13 Matthew Kaufmann
9/13 Andrew Krey
*** 9/13 Agnes Lawrence
9/13 Harold Luebke
9/14 Grace Ott
9/16 Tony Boardman
9/16 Eileen Pleuss
***9/17 Alice Schnell**

9/18 Gary Luckow
9/19 Justine Bushman
9/20 Fred Wehausen
9/21 Marilee Slater
9/24 Jane Bushman
9/25 Warren Lutze
9/27 Christopher Arnold
9/27 Rick Bratz

9/28 Jackie Kiesow
9/28 Steve Propson
9/30 Lois Glaeser
9/30 Wayne Otto

*****Our Members 80 Years Young or over...*****

9/1 Ralph Schultz 88 Years Young!!
9/13 Agnes Lawrence – 89 Years Young!!
9/17 Alice Schnell – 86 Years Young!!



Happy Anniversary To...

9/1 Harold & Alice Schnell – 62 Years!
9/2 Damian & Jane Bushman – 29 Years!
9/3 Todd & Lisa Petersen – 13 Years!
9/4 Edward & Janet Matthias – 59 years!
9/5 Steve & Kim Fischer - 9 years!
9/5 Jay & Debbie Fitzgerald – 27 Years!
9/7 Eli & Betsy Kenneke – 16 Years!
9/9 Rick & Audrey Bratz – 12 Years!
9/20 John & Diane Smith – 32 Years!
9/23 Juel & Marie Knutson – 40 Years!
9/24 Vernon & Joan Jaeger – 41 Years!
9/24 Terry & Marilee Slater - 8 Years!
9/29 Paul & Tammie Nagel – 17 Years!

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



Date: _____ Ushers on Schedule: _____

September 1st Al Bonfigt, Marty Kiesow
September 2nd Earl Glaeser, Eli Kenneke, AJ Kenneke, Jim Krim

September 8th Harold Bratz (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Steve Pleuss
September 9th Gary Vetter (Server), David Schultz (Server), Elwood Free, James Ott

September 15th John Smith, Mark Kiesow
September 16th Len Arnold, Jeff Kasten, Alex Kasten, Larry Hochkammer

September 22nd Al Bonfigt, (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Peter Liermann
September 23rd Dan Knutson (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), Wayne Otto, Jim Krim
September 29th Harold Bratz, August Teesch
September 30th James Glaeser, Keith Peterson, Jeff Knutson, Elwood Free

If you are unable to make your scheduled service, please call Brian Glaeser @ 775-3941.

Communion Liturgy: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for you for the remission of your sins.

May this strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Depart in peace; your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Altar Guild Schedule

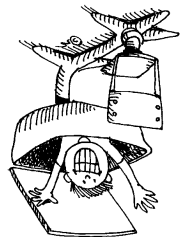
Group 1: Helen Isaacson, Elaine Petersen, Donna Nagel, Bonnie Wagner

Our Greeters For September



September 2 nd	Jim & Jodi Krim Family
September 9 th	Jen Ott & Tony Boardman
September 16 th	Jessica Jungbluth Family
September 23 th	Len & Sharon Arnold
September 30 th	James & Julie Glaeser

Kids Corner



Bible Quiz – “Animals”

1. This could have been one of the animals that was reluctant to “rise, kill & eat “:
 - a. Ox
 - b. Pig
 - c. Antelope

- d. Lamb
2. God said people would eat so much of this food that it would come out of their noses?
- Quail
 - Milk
 - Corn
 - Beef
3. Jesus made the disciples breakfast with this food:
- Barley cakes
 - Corn
 - Eggs
 - Fish
4. One of the following is known in Scripture to have requested a vegetarian diet?
- Daniel
 - Elisha
 - Jesus
 - Peter
5. This man was fed by ravens:
- Noah
 - Elishama
 - Elisha
 - Elijah

Answers: 1.) b [Acts 11:5-8] m 2.) a [Numbers 11:18-20] 3.) d [John 21:12-13] 4.) a [Daniel 1:11,12] 5.) d [Kings 17:2-6]



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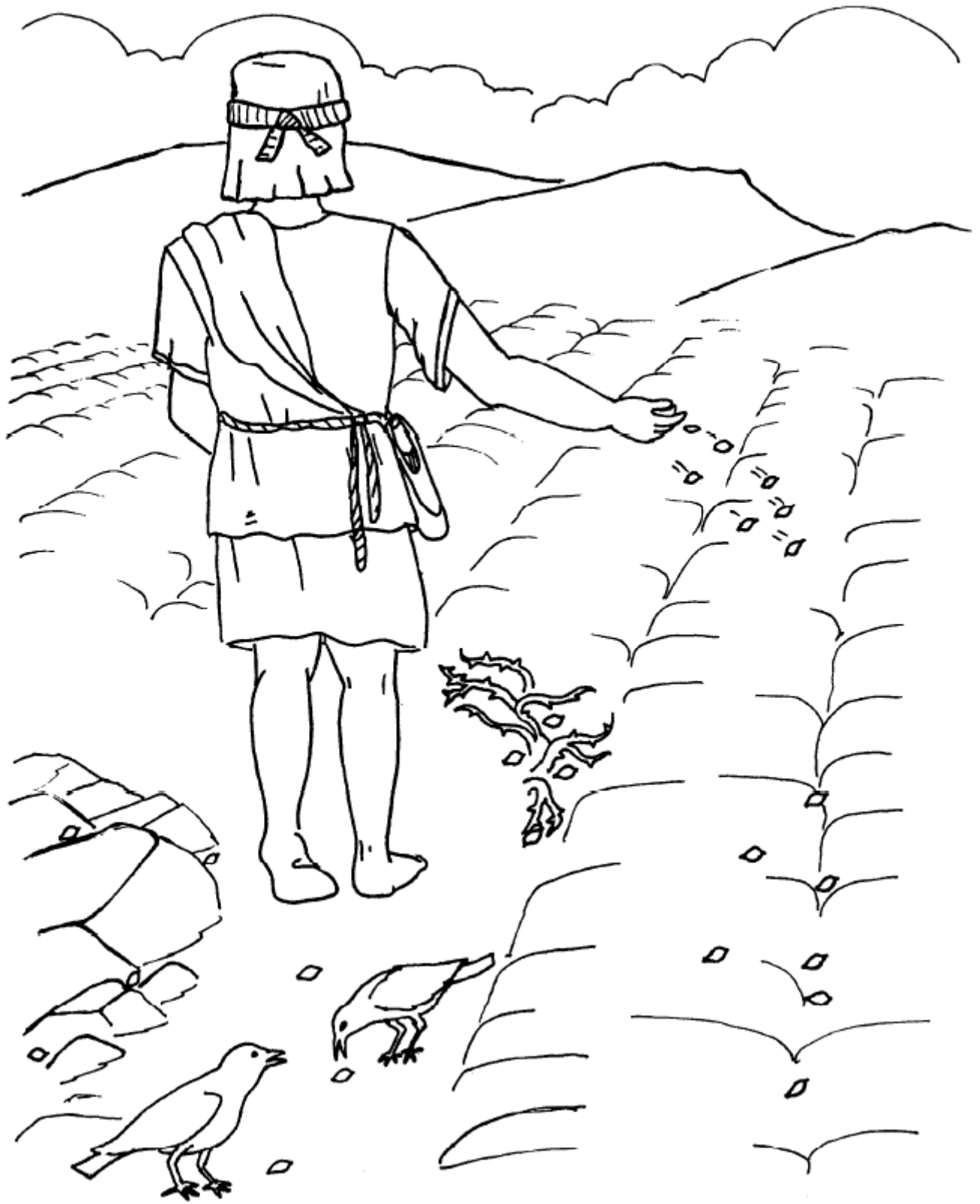
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The Parable of the Sower