



The Messenger

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The Power of a Positive Confession

A few days ago I noticed a leaflet stuffed in my front door. I picked up the full-color flyer and skimmed through it. It showed pictures of smiling, well-dressed families. Under the pictures on each page was a format of question and answer. Questions asked something like, “Why are there troubles in the world today?”, and then there were answers below supported by supposed Scriptural quotations.

Curious to see who was behind this publication, I turned to the last page, where the words were printed, “Jehovah’s Witnesses” and “Watchtower Society”.

If they haven’t yet, they will probably knock on your door eventually, too. You have to admire the outreach efforts of the Jehovah’s Witnesses. They’re bold enough even to try to convert a Lutheran pastor such as myself. Unfortunately, Jehovah’s Witnesses are misguided in their zeal. I looked through their pamphlet at my front door, and Jesus was mentioned several times, but there was no mention at all of Jesus as our Savior from sin and our guarantee of eternal life in heaven.

Jehovah’s Witnesses have a non-Scriptural understanding of who Christ is. They believe he is a lesser God, not equal to the Father. In the end, Witnesses have the same problem every false religion has. They don’t accept the gospel that we are saved by faith in Christ’s work alone. The Jehovah’s Witness organization burdens its members with a false gospel

where the members don't focus on Jesus, but instead have to rely on their own works, and they never know if they've done enough to be saved.

So the next time a Jehovah's Witness rings your doorbell, don't consider them an annoying pest. Remember that that person at your door is a soul for whom Christ died, a soul that needs to know the saving truth of the Bible that, **"Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."** (Philippians 3:20).

You don't *have to* talk to the Jehovah's Witness, but consider the opportunity you have to point this person to their sure hope of heaven. And here's practical advice from the book *Thirty Years a Watchtower Slave*. Former member William Schnell uses his experience in the organization to advise the following:

"When you see the Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian, remember a few very important *don'ts*. Do not argue religion with the Witness, for his doctrines are built upon a misuse of the Bible Another don't is not to engage in a conversation about present events Be courteous to the JW – let him continue his presentation without interruption on your part. But also, as the Witness from time to time asks you leading questions, *do not* answer them Finally, he is through Tell him what the Lord Jesus means to you: give him your testimony. Make it short and sweet, but say it with enthusiasm. Then ask the JW to give you his testimony. This will nonplus him – he cannot speak of the grace of God in Jesus Christ."

But we can! Let us, **"always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect"** (I Peter 3:15,16).

Pastor Gregory Pope



Message From The President

The following items were approved at the October 28th voter's meeting:

- Alex Olson was received into membership by adult confirmation
- Mark Monka & children, Shayna & Ethan were transferred to Bethany, Manitowoc
- The voters approved \$1,000.00 to support the part-time janitor at MLHS
- Voters approved increasing reimbursement for organists from \$25.00 to \$35.00
- Voters approved having a monthly door collection the 3rd Sunday of the month. Proceeds to go to a special fund to be distributed to needy families of the congregation unless another organization is designated for that month. See the article in this newsletter for explanation.

The following were elected to offices:

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| • Board for Education Chairman | James Ott |
| • MLHS Delegate | Mark Knutson |
| • Board for Evangelism Members
(2 needed) | Chris Mangin
1 vacancy |
| • Board for Building & Grounds Member | Jeff Tuschel |
| • Treasurer | David Williamson |
| • Board for Spiritual Affairs Chairman | David Schultz |

Thank you to those who have served and to those who have graciously put their names into nomination and have been elected.

And I am sure all the voters would like to express a large thank you to the Trinity Ladies Circle for serving snacks after the meeting. Many in attendance seem to enjoy the food and fellowship after the meeting.

????? FUND

Trinity has started a new fund to be used to help those in the congregation who are experiencing financial needs. We really don't know what we will call the fund yet. The voters have approved this at the October Voters Meeting. This is what it is about and how it will work.

The voters approved a door collection to be taken every 3rd weekend of the month. Members who wish to contribute other than the door collection can do so with the "OTHER" box on their envelope or by just dropping a plain envelope appropriately marked in the collection plate. We will also be looking into matching funds from Thrivent.

The proceeds will go in a special fund unless otherwise specified for another agency within the WELS such as Calvary Academy. The special fund will be used to help families within the congregation who are experiencing hardship.

The Congregational President and Pastor will administer the fund. They will determine how best to support the family in need. This will be done as a need arises with the minimum of at least once per

year. If members of congregation know of a deserving family please let Pastor know so no one is overlooked.

The Congregational President will disburse the in the manner that he and the pastor have deemed to be prudent. Some of the ways of disbursement could be MLHS scrip or a payment of a medical bill. The name of the recipients will be kept private.

Quarterly reports of the fund will be presented at the voters meeting.

The council has decided to start this due to the fact that we have no way of discreetly helping congregational families in need. There are many references to taking care of our brother and sisters in need in the Bible. I have had the opportunity of administering the same type of fund as Executive Director in my former congregation. So as you can see this is not a new or original idea.

John Smith, Congregational President

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING

The church council has set Saturday, November 29th as the day to put up the Christmas tree and do any decorating that any other members would like.

All are invited to come and help. If you have any ideas, please bring them along and we will try to use them.

CHURCH REDECORATING

We are waiting on the drawings for the redecorating of the church interior. Upon receipt of those drawings there will be an informational meeting to choose colors for the interior. The time for the starting is coming fast and the final decisions will have to be made soon, but we are working on the contractor's schedule, not ours.

The Board for Building & Grounds is looking into the lighting for the front of church. They have contacted some lighting consultants and contractors. This is also moving along, but we do not have recommendations or option costs as of this writing.

The church council has been discussing alternatives for church services. Nothing has been firmed up yet as of this writing. We do not want to slow the project down in any way. The target date for completion is still by Easter.

News from the WELS

Year of Jubilee offering Q&A

From the office of President Mark Schroeder

Last week, the Conference of Presidents held its regular fall meetings in Milwaukee. Among the items on the agenda was the Year of Jubilee thank offering. The presidents are encouraging all congregations within their districts to participate during November and December, the months designated for the celebration. Many people, including some congregational leaders, still have questions about the offering. Here are answers to some of those common questions:

What is the Year of Jubilee offering?

The offering was authorized by the 2007 synod convention as a way to address our synod's \$22.4 million debt. Every congregation and individual is being encouraged to participate in this offering.

How did the debt come about?

Most of the \$22.4 million debt is capital debt that has been incurred as a result of various building and improvement projects over the last 12 years:

- building projects at synod schools during the amalgamation of Dr. Martin Luther College and Northwestern College in 1995;
- heating plant at Martin Luther College;
- science wing at Michigan Lutheran Seminary; and
- dormitory addition at Luther Prep.

About one-third of the debt is the result of expenditures exceeding support in the 2001-03 biennium.

Most of the \$22.4 million was borrowed internally (from various synodical funds) and was being repaid in a variety of ways and at different interest rates. In the fall of 2007, the debts were all combined into a single synodical debt. This debt has a single interest rate and is to be fully repaid in ten years. The combining of all these into a single debt enables us to present a clear picture of the debt, and it also enables us to reduce the annual payments required.

Why is it important for us to reduce or eliminate this debt? How will this help?

There is nothing inherently wrong with borrowing or with debt. But the fact is that each year \$2.7 million is budgeted for the repayment of this debt. The convention believed that this money would be better used if it were spent on opening missions and operating our ministerial education schools. If we can eliminate or significantly reduce the debt, dollars will be available to carry out ministry rather than making debt payments.

What is the timeline on the offering?

The offering will take place during November and December of this year, but congregations will have the ability to be flexible in how they carry it out. Some congregations are conducting the offering over four Sundays; others are having a single special celebration. Other congregations will start the offering this fall and continue to encourage and gather

gifts over the next six months. The offering itself will end at the time of the synod convention in July 2009.

How will the gifts be gathered?

Congregations have been furnished with offering envelopes for every member. These can be gathered by the congregation and submitted to the synod. Individuals may also send their offerings directly to the synod or [give a gift online](#). To access Year of Jubilee resources online, go to: www.wels.net/jubileeworship

How will this offering benefit our shared mission as a synod?

We pray that the elimination or reduction of this debt will enable those dollars now being used for debt service to be used to expand our efforts to proclaim the saving good news of Jesus Christ to the world. For every \$100,000 saved, a new home mission can be established. Additional funds would enable our world missions efforts to be maintained and expanded. Additional funds would help to stabilize the funding of our ministerial education schools and to keep tuition costs from rising. In short, the less we have to dedicate to repaying our debt, the more we will have available to carry out our shared mission.

Why should I participate in this offering?

Our purpose and motivation in this offering is not simply to be free of debt. Our purpose is to unite in the faith and joy that God has given us in Christ, walking and working together to proclaim the gospel to more and more people. We gather this offering as a means of expressing our thanks to a God who has given sinners like us every reason to be joyful. We trust that God will bless these efforts conducted in his name and for his glory.

Serving in Christ,
Mark Schroeder

New BME administrator called

On Oct. 10, the Board for Ministerial Education (BME) called Rev. Paul Prange, president of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, to be the new BME administrator. Prange was called after the previous administrator, Rev. Peter Kruschel, took a call June 26 to be the mission counselor in the Pacific Northwest and Southwest.

"I was humbled by the confidence that my brothers on the BME were showing in me when they gave me this opportunity to deliberate," Prange says. "I ask for their prayers and their counsel."

Prange has served as tutor, professor, and president at Michigan Lutheran Seminary—one of the synod's two preparatory schools—and superintendent at East Fork Lutheran High School, Whiteriver, Ariz. He also served as pastor at Risen Savior, Austin, Tex., and St. Martin, Roscommon, Mich.

During his 14 years as MLS president, Prange has seen the Board for Ministerial Education in action. "I've thought about ways to improve its work," he says. "At the same time, I love my work at Michigan Lutheran Seminary and have no desire to leave."

Prange says he plans to consult with those involved in the work of the Board for Ministerial Education as well as Michigan Lutheran Seminary, and ask how he might meet the needs of each. "I would appreciate the prayers of every member of the synod," he adds.

Seminary enrollment declines

Official enrollment for the 2008-09 school year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, is 165 men—down 10 from last year's 175 students. According to President Paul Wendland, the seminary expected this decline.

"We knew already four years ago, even as we were looking at our high-water mark of 191 students, that we were going to be declining," says Wendland. Looking at the numbers at both the seminary and Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., Wendland says the seminary projects that enrollment will continue to decline for the next four years and then stabilize. "So that means smaller classes and fewer pastors will be graduating," he says. According to Wendland, the declining numbers are cause for concern even though WELS has a low percentage of pastoral vacancies (unfilled calls). "When you're talking about the vacancy rate, you're talking about maintaining the status quo," he says. "You're not talking about increasing any ministry. So when you see these declining numbers, you have to be concerned not only about having sufficient numbers of pastors to fill our pulpits; you also have to be concerned about whether we can be as aggressive as we want to be in growing congregational ministries and in expanding our home and world missions."

Although traditional student enrollment is down, Wendland says the seminary continues to experience growth in its Pastoral Studies Institute for non-traditional students. Eight are enrolled in the Cristo Palabra de Vida Latino training program and twenty in the Asian seminary satellite program. There are also three second career men enrolled, and two others are receiving theological training for their involvement in specialized ministries. "It's an encouraging and welcome blessing from our God," says Wendland.

New Parish Assistance consultant

For the first time since August 2006, WELS Parish Assistance—which offers fee-based consulting services to help congregations analyze and improve their ministries—has three full-time consultants. Rev. Paul Kelm, who previously served as a Parish Assistance consultant from January 1998 to August 2004, accepted a call Oct. 14 to be the third consultant, a position that had been vacant for more than two years.

"We are just elated," says Rev. Bruce Becker, administrator for WELS Parish Services, the board that oversees the Parish Assistance program. "We will now be in a position to start accepting the requests for services from the congregations that have been waiting."

Becker says he's looking forward to working again with Kelm, who will be starting his consulting duties Nov. 1. "Paul has always been a fantastic consultant," says Becker. "He's also just come out of four years of parish ministry, which brought him back up to the realities of life in the parish—and that will only enhance his ability to serve as a consultant."

In addition to his previous experience as a Parish Assistance consultant, Kelm has also served as pastor at St. Mark, De Pere/Green Bay, Wis., and Faith, Pittsfield, Mass.; campus pastor, professor, and dean of students at Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee; administrator of WELS' Commissions on Evangelism and Adult Discipleship; project director of Spiritual Renewal, Milwaukee; campus pastor at Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel, Madison; and tutor at the former Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn.

"This call is something that I think matches my gifts and my personality," says Kelm. "And my years here at St. Mark, in a large parish, have helped to shape some of the ways in which I can help congregations as well. I did enjoy [serving as a consultant] and expect to again."

Financial course for today's economy

For the first time, a comprehensive personal financial course combining a spiritual focus with practical application is available for WELS members. Rev. Dave Kehl, co-author of the Heart in Focus course, says it is especially relevant given the country's current economic crisis.

"The recent stock market activity has made the urgency for this even greater," says Kehl, administrator of Adult Discipleship. "Individuals are saying, 'We need to know real, practical ways that we can deal with our finances.' "

This course is part of Adult Discipleship's Faith Focused Finances program, which was developed at the urging of the Synodical Council and Conference of Presidents to promote Christian stewardship on both the personal and congregational level. Resources include financial seminars for called workers and schools of stewardship for congregational leaders. Other interested lay people can participate—either individually or in small groups—through the Heart in Focus course, available for [purchase through NPH](#).

Approximately 15 schools of stewardship and called worker seminars have been held over the past two years; Kehl says they are raising awareness of what it means to be stewards today and he hopes the Heart in Focus course will do the same.

"Our financial lives are oftentimes one of the bigger obstacles to our spiritual growth and our Christian living," says Kehl. "The bottom line is we want to help individuals grow in their faith—and I'm confident that is going to have a positive impact on what we do as a synod."

For more information about Faith Focused Finances—as well as details about leader training and workbooks available for the Heart in Focus course—visit www.wels.net/jump/faithfinance

First quarter budget figures in

Budget numbers from the first quarter of the synod's 2008-09 fiscal year are in—they show support of \$8.4 million, which is \$700,000 less than expenses of \$9.1 million.

Results through September continue to point to a significant deficit for the fiscal year. The deficit was created when the convention added \$2 million for Ministerial Education and \$600,000 for World Missions to the budget proposed by the Synodical Council. While the buffer fund created by the fiscal year 2007-08 surplus should be more than adequate to fund the shortfall, Mr. Todd Poppe, WELS chief financial officer, points out that the ministries it is funding are ongoing and the buffer fund is one-time funding.

In his monthly [Executive Summary](#), prepared for the Conference of Presidents and Synodical Council, Poppe says, "This use of one-time funding for ongoing ministries also enlarges the forecasted funding gaps for the next biennium and beyond."

One encouraging note in the report is that Congregation Mission Offerings, given by congregations for the collective ministry of synod, were up nearly \$200,000 or 13.6 percent over the same month in 2007. The September increase partially reversed the downturn experienced for the months of June, July, and August.

The Bible-Book of Kings

This month's part of the Bible focus' is on the Book of Kings.

GENERAL FACTS ABOUT THE BOOKS OF KINGS

Originally there were not two books of Kings but only one. It was the Septuagint translation that gave us our two-fold division. The two books of Kings deal with the history of Israel from the beginning of Solomon's reign until shortly after the Captivity in Babylon. Solomon's reign began about 972 B.C. and the Babylonian Captivity began about 587 B.C. That means that the two books of Kings cover a period of the Jews' history of about 400 years. As the name of the books of Kings shows, the two books tell mostly about the various kings that ruled in Israel and Judah. We are told which kings were good and which ones were evil in God's eyes. Events in the lives of the great prophets Elijah and Elisha are also related.

GENERAL OUTLINE

The 400 years covered by Kings can be divided into three parts. These three parts give us our general outline for the books.

The Reign of Solomon: 972-933 B.C. ([1 Kings 1-11](#))

The Divided Kingdoms of Israel and Judah: 933-722 B.C. ([1 Kings 12-22](#) thru [2 Kings 1-17](#))

The History of Judah from Hezekiah to the Captivity: 726-587 B.C. ([2 Kings 18-25](#)) 1 Kings has 22 chapters. 2 Kings has 25 chapters.

AUTHOR

We do not know the author of the books of Kings. Jewish tradition says that the Prophet Jeremiah wrote them.

PURPOSE OF THE BOOKS

The books of Kings were recorded through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to show that the fall of Israel and Judah was caused by their own unfaithfulness and to show that God was still faithful to his promise to David in [[2 Samuel 7:16](#)] "**Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.**" God would preserve David's line so that the everlasting Messiah would come from him.

A BRIEF SURVEY OF THE CONTENTS OF KINGS

The Reign of Solomon ([1 Kings 1-11](#))

Solomon, David's son by Bathsheba, is made king. He has great wisdom, power and wealth. These were "golden years" in the history of Israel. Solomon builds a magnificent temple to the Lord at Jerusalem. Even after God's great blessings on Solomon and even after God's solemn warnings to him to remain faithful to Him, Solomon fell into polygamy and idolatry.

After a 40 year reign that started well and ended with Solomon still in his sin, Solomon died.

The Divided Kingdoms of Israel and Judah ([1 Kings 12 - 2 Kings 17](#))

After the death of Solomon, 10 of the tribes revolt against the rule of Solomon's son, Rehoboam. Now the land is no longer united under one king but becomes a divided kingdom. In the north is the Kingdom of Israel or Northern Kingdom. In the south is the Kingdom of Judah. The 10 tribes of the Kingdom of Israel are ruled by Jeroboam and a succession of wicked kings. The tribe of Judah and part of Benjamin are ruled by Rehoboam and a succession of kings, some good and some bad.

The Kingdom of Israel exists from 933 B.C. to 722 B.C. The king of Assyria in 722 B.C. utterly defeats the Kingdom of Israel and carries the people away into his land of Assyria. Those 10 northern tribes are lost to history from that point on. Their destruction by Assyria is a clear reminder that God is in full control of history and that wickedness does not go unpunished. [[2 Kings 17:7](#)] makes this clear. It says: "All this took place because the Israelites sinned against the Lord their God ... They worshipped other gods." The king of Assyria brought in other people to repopulate the area that the 10 tribes had left. This area is often called Samaria.

The History of Judah from Hezekiah to the Captivity ([2 Kings 18-25](#))

The Kingdom of Judah is allowed to last for another 130 years. During the reign of good king Hezekiah, the king of Assyria threatens to destroy Judah. But God destroys the Assyrian army and Judah is saved. But in 587 B.C. the king of Babylon destroys Jerusalem, the capital of the Kingdom of Judah, and carries away the people of Judah into captivity in Babylon. Solomon's magnificent temple is destroyed and 70 years of foreign captivity begin.

*A LIST OF THE KINGS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH WITH THEIR
APPROXIMATE DATES*

All dates are B.C.

A. United Kingdom

Saul 1050-1013

David 1013-972

Solomon 972-933 (931)

B. Kingdom of Israel

Jeroboam I 931-910

Nadab 910-909

Baasha 909-886

Elah 886-885

Zimri 885

Tibni 885-880

Omri 885-874

Ahab 874-853

Ahaziah 853-852

Joram 852-841

Jehu 841-814

Jehoahaz 814-798

Jehoash 798-782

Jeroboam II 793-753

Manasseh 696-642

Zachariah 753-752

Shallum 752

Menahem 751-742

Pekahiah 742-740

Pekah 740-732

Hoshea 732-723

C. Kingdom of Judah

Rehoboam 931-913

Abijam 913-911

Asa 911-870

Jehoshaphat 873-848

Jehoram 853-841

Ahaziah 841

Athaliah 841-835

Joash 835-796

Amaziah 796-767

Azariah 791-740

Jotham 750-732

Ahaz 735-715

Hezekiah 715-686

Manasseh 696-642

Amon 642-640

Josiah 640-608

Jehoahaz 608

Jehoiakim 608-597

Jehoiachin 597

Zedekiah 597-586

KEY DATES TO MEMORIZE

Be sure to remember the date 722 B.C. as the date when the Kingdom of Israel and its capital city of Samaria were defeated by Assyria and its people carried away and lost forever. Remember the date 587 B.C. as the date when the Kingdom of Judah and its capital city of Jerusalem were defeated by the Babylonians and carried into 70 years of captivity.

Key Chapter Numbers for Important Events

1 Kings

Solomon asks for Wisdom 3

Solomon Builds the Temple 6

Israel Rebels and Divided Kingdom Begins 12

Elijah Fed by Ravens 17

2 Kings

Assyrians Defeat Kingdom of Israel 17

The Fall of Jerusalem by Hands of Babylon 25



Announcements

New Bible Study Topic

Starting November 8th, Sunday morning Adult Bible Class plans to do a study of the book of Proverbs. We'll find gems of wisdom for everyday life from this practical Bible book.

Sunday School

The kids will be starting to go over their *Christmas Eve Parts* in November. Please try to have your child there as we only get so many Sundays to practice. Any children in the congregation who go to *Christian Day school* who would like to participate in the *Christmas Eve service* here at Trinity please let Jessica 905-1205 or Anna 775-3803 know.

Trinity Ladies Circle

The Trinity Ladies Circle will meet Tuesday, November 25 at 6pm in the church basement. At this meeting Pastor will continue our discussion about witnessing to Muslims. We will decorate cookie bags for the shut-ins, vote for new officers and decorate the church for Thanksgiving. Ladies please remember to bring your Thanksgiving decorations to the meeting. All confirmed ladies of Trinity Congregation are welcome to attend the meeting or join the group.

Candlelight Advent Service at First German

The First German ladies are graciously allowing us to host a table at their Candlelight Advent Service on Sunday, November 30 at 6pm in their gym. If you are interested in attending please sign up on the sheet in back of church. If you have any questions please contact Diane Smith – 726-4323.

Important dates to remember:

December 7, New Member Welcome and Christmas Dinner

December 7, Lady Circle members bring one dozen cookies for the shut-ins

Youth Group



The Youth Group was able to do their last Adopt-A-Highway clean up on Saturday, October 25. The weather forecast was not very promising, but God gave us a nice fall day to be cleaning his beautiful land! We were able to break up into teams to do the clean up. The all girls team consisted of Polly Bonfigt, Anna Knutson, Kalie Knutson and they collected 2 bags of garbage and 2 bags of recyclables. The all boys team consisted of Uriaha Matznick, Andy Matznick, Joe Nagel and they collected 2 bags of garbage and 1 combined bag of recyclables. Splitting up was a great time saver. This time County Road C had much less garbage compared to the first time we picked, but there was still some nasty stuff that careless people still threw out their windows. Please do not litter! We can't forget the reward - Papa John's pizza. It was good!

We are also looking at the **Milwaukee Buck church night** again. The date of this game is **Saturday, November 15th**. The game begins at 7:30 PM and the Bucks play the Boston Celtics. Everyone will get to shoot a free throw on the court after the game again - a big highlight. Also, we get to select one person from our congregation to do the church free throw challenge. Cash prizes will be donated to the church for the top three winners of this event. Does anyone know of a good free throw shooter??? We are inviting the congregation to join us. We will also need drivers for car pooling (unless we have enough of a response that we can take a bus down). Any one interested in going, needs to let Pastor or Polly Bonfigt (758-3990 or 973-2425 or aljb@lakefield.net) know asap so tickets can be ordered. In the past we have had Luigie's pizza for supper, then headed out to the game. Ticket cost is \$16 / person (\$24 seats) or \$29 / person (\$37 seats).

We also picked our theme for our 'new' cabin for Christmas @ Sinawa ~ *Oh, Holy Night*. We are under way for all the preparations. Youth Group participants and parents, please watch your email and the bulletin for any upcoming work days. We are very excited for this years Christmas @ Sinawa with what we have planned. The dates are Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7. We encourage everyone to come out and check out our new cabin - it's a great family time for all ages! Any questions on Christmas @ Sinawa, please contact Stephanie Nagel or Lisa Kiesow. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November, 5th from 6:30 ~ 7PM, after confirmation class.

Fellowship Update

The Fellowship committee is asking your help to support troops. A collection box will be in the back of church. Here is a current list of the most requested items:

- Sweet n' salty granola bars (most request brand)
- Chex Mix, Trail Mix, Energy bars
- Individual packet of salted nuts
- Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Hot Sticks (no Pork)
- Powdered drink mix to pour into bottled water (individual packets like Crystal Light, On the Go, Propel)
- Instant Cocoa
- New or used movie DVDs
- Lightweight dark colored gloves
- Paper and envelopes (no stamps)
- Magazines, Crossword puzzles
- Personal Hygiene products (shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, dental floss, chapstick)
- Mosquito repellent (for in the Spring)
- Crayons, coloring books, small toys like Beanie Babies to give out to the Iraqi children

Repeat Performance Annual Meeting: Repeat Performance will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, November 30th, 2008 in the commons at Manitowoc Lutheran High School. A noon meal will be served starting at 12:30 PM with the meeting to follow. Anyone interested in attending can sign up at the store or you can call Repeat Performance at 920-769-0017 by November 21st. There will be three board of director positions up for election. If you are interested in having your name placed on the ballot, please sign up at the store or call Jerry Haupt at 920-682-5954. Please come and join us as we have opportunity to give thanks to God for all the blessings He has brought to Repeat Performance and to Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

MLHS News

Music Center Dedication will coincide with the Federation Reformation Service. Tours of the new facility, and the entire building, will be available afterward, along with refreshments. What a tremendous opportunity to thank God for all who have donated toward making this addition possible! You can view the history and progress of the entire construction project by visiting our website – www.mlhslancers.com!

Manitowoc Lutheran High School Admissions Director: At the August Federation meeting, the delegates approved the position of Admissions Director for our high school. This is a full time position and will be filled through the calling process. A call list will be presented to the delegates at the December 6th Federation meeting. **(Delegates: Please note the meeting date change.)** The names of eligible male candidates, (pastors, teachers, staff ministers or lay people), must be submitted NO LATER THAN November 15, 2008, to the District President: Pastor Doug Engelbrecht, 249 E. Franklin Ave., Neenah, WI 54956.

Week of 10/27 – 11/2

Tue 10/28 WIAA Football Playoffs Rd #1
Thur 10/30 Volunteer Workday: Move into MLHS Music Center;
8am – Noon; 1pm – 4pm; 6pm – 9pm
Fri 10/31 Volunteer Workday: Move into MLHS Music Center;
9am – Noon; 1pm – 4pm
Sat 11/1 Volunteer Workday: Move into MLHS Music Center; 8am – 2pm
WIAA Football Playoffs Rd #2
Sun 11/2 MLHS Music Center Dedication & Reformation Service; 4pm

Week of 11/3 – 9

Tue 11/4 MLHS Board of Control Mtg; 6:30pm
Wed 11/5 Blood Drive @ MLHS
Sun 11/9 MLHS Sunday @ St. Paul Howards Grove; 8 & 10:30am
Lakeshore Lutheran Chorall @ MLHS; 7pm

Week of 11/10 – 16

Tue 11/11 MLHS Parent & Grandparent Day
Fri – Sun 11/14-16 WELS Choral Festival @ Minnesota Valley Luth. H.S.

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Church Attendance for October



Combined Total for Saturday/Sunday

October 2005

Week 1: 33/122=155
Week 2: 39/120=159
Week 3: 21/96=117
Week 4: 35/251=276
Week 5: 28/122=150

Monthly=857

October 2006

Week 1: 37/109=146
Week 2: 47/108=155
Week 3: 41/113=154
Week 4: 37/224=261
Week 5: 28/106=134

Monthly=850

October 2007

Week 1: 45/112=157
Week 2: 40/139=179
Week 3: 44/109=153
Week 4: 24/154=178

Monthly= 662

October 2008

Week 1: 33/106=139
Week 2: 40/111=151
Week 3: 22/99=121
Week 4: 51/139=190

Monthly= 601

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

John 4:24



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-85 yrs.

young

11/8 Grace Knutson

11/10 Karen Kiesow

11/11 Alexander Kasten

11/13 Harold Bratz

11/13 Brandon Ratsch

11/16 Brittany Hochkammer

11/17 Stacy Faber

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



Happy Anniversary To...

11/6 Jody & Jim Krim – 15 Years!

11/8 Chad & Karen Knutson – 5 Years!

11/10 Allen & Doris Reichardt - 46 Years!

11/11 Gary & Lu Ann Luckow – 19 Years!

11/24 David & Cindy Williamson – 29 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!

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Ushers on Schedule:</u>
Nov. 1 st	Harold Bratz, Mike Kiesow
Nov. 2 nd	John Smith, Eli Kenneke, A.J. Kenneke, Larry Hochkammer
Nov. 8 th	Keith Petersen (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Steve Pleuss
Nov. 9 th	Dan Knutson (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Brett Glaeser, James Ott
Nov. 15 th	Fritz Wehausen, Mark Kiesow
Nov. 16 th	James Glaeser, Jeff Kasten , Alex Kasten, Elwood Free
Nov. 22 nd	Dave Williamson (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), Peter Liermann
Nov. 23 rd	Gary Vetter (Server), David Schultz (Server), Wayne Otto , Uriah Matznick
	Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 27 th	John Smith, Len Arnold, Jeff Knutson, Joseph Nagel
Nov. 29 th	Harold Bratz, August Teesch
Nov. 30 th	Dan Knutson, Larry Hochkammer , Eli Kenneke, A.J. Kenneke

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. Amen.

Altar Guild Schedule -November
Group 3: Cindy Williamson, Eunice Barnes, Janice Wehausen, Diane Smith

Our Greeters For November



Nov. 2nd Damian & Jane Bushman

Nov. 9th Mike & Louette Propson-Enders
Nov. 16th Jeff & Sherri Kasten family
Nov. 23rd Larry & Amy Hochkammer
Nov. 27th Mark & Darlene Kiesow
Nov. 30th Elwood & Denise Free



Kids Corner

Bible Quiz – “Miracles”

1. This young man was able to defeat a giant through the power of God:
 - a. David
 - b. Ahab
 - c. Titus
 - d. Elihu

2. This Philistine god lost its head when confronted with the ark of the covenant:
 - a. Ashera
 - b. Baal
 - c. Belial
 - d. Dagon

3. This man destroyed a Philistine temple with strength given by God:
 - a. Jephtha
 - b. Samson
 - c. Barak
 - d. Jehoida

4. This man escaped unharmed from the belly of a big fish:
 - a. Simon
 - b. Jonah
 - c. Zedekiah
 - d. Philetus

5. Jesus used this many loaves to feed 5000 men:

- a. 5
- b. 12
- c. 144
- d. 5000

Answers: 1.) a [1Samuel 17:50] 2.) d [1Samuel 5:4] 3.) b [Judges 16:28-29] 4.) b [Jonah 2:10] 5.) a [John 6:9]



God is with me when I am afraid.

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