



# *The Messenger*

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## **Musing On A Memorable Adventure**

This being the start of vacation season, maybe it's time to tell the tale of our St. Lucia trip from February. Fitting because during that week of tropical weather I kept telling myself, "Oh, can't wait till it gets this nice back in Wisconsin." And here it is! The sun-baked weather we've been waiting for.

Again, the reason for our trip was to visit my parents who were hard at work constructing an altar for Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church (how about that!), the WELS congregation on the island. St. Lucia is in the Caribbean, one of the world's most popular honeymoon destinations, and we could see why. The lush landscape of greenery, palms and flowers had you wondering if this was kind of what the Garden of Eden looked like. We stayed in a rented house with my parents, a convenient ten minute walk to the grocery store in one direction, and a nice fifteen minute walk to the beach in the other direction.

One of my favorite memories was the walk to the beach that we took each day. It was a leisurely stroll down a quiet dirt road along a wooden fence that spilled over with white and red blossoms from the trees nearby. But to get to that dirt road, we had to cross the main thoroughfare, an adventure in itself, for traffic was always thick and fast. Without speed limits the drivers seemed only to be limited by the laws of physics. How fast they could go on a curve was how fast they could go without flipping over! Even still, we never had to wait too long at the crossing. Eventually a driver would stop his car, smile and wave us by. That was a neat thing about the island which has probably contributed to its popularity. The people were so friendly. The native black people of the island, called Creoles, often had dread locks and *always* had that charming Jamaican type accent. There's just something about a unique, laid-back way of speaking to put a visitor at ease. Almost like going to Georgia and hearing the comforting southern drawl.

Besides what we could see and hear, the locals were pleasant in view of their morals. St. Lucia is mostly Roman Catholic, through its colonial heritage and the missionaries who went to work there. Because of this, we saw things we'd rarely see here in America – many vendors on the street would post signs bearing hand-written Bible verses. Even the public school where the WELS church is temporarily holding church services had Bible verses printed on the brick walls.

Still, our mission there is sorely needed. Most of the people are at poverty level but with satellite tv widespread, they know all about the materialistic American lifestyle and idolize it. Their young people face the familiar temptations of peer pressure, premarital sex, and drug abuse. Staff Minister Erik Landwehr said that the Roman Catholic influence has not been a total blessing. Ask a St. Lucian on the street, "Do you believe in Jesus?" And he or she will say yes. But then you ask them, "How will you get to heaven?" They'll mostly answer, "Well, I'm trying to be good. I'm doing my best to be a good person." Hence, the great need for salvation by grace through faith in Christ to be preached on that island.

We got to worship on Sunday morning with the locals. Half of the congregation was made up of Indian doctors, natives of India who eventually immigrated to St. Lucia for work. The other half consisted of the Creoles, the native black people. Another of my best memories of the trip was worshipping in that church service. It was so neat to be in a totally foreign place just a bit north of South America and yet see people holding the familiar *Christian Worship* hymnal. Hearing our good old hymns sung in a Caribbean tone is something I never thought I'd hear and won't forget.

Today I'm thrilled to know that my parents have supported and beautified that diverse gospel ministry. Because of transportation difficulties, my wife and I never got to see the altar they built. Who knows? Maybe many years from now we'll get to go back and see the new church building and furnishings in action and the lively worshippers of Jesus there. Or perhaps you'll take a trip there and tell me about it.

*Pastor Gregory Pope*



## **Message From The President**

### **USHERS AND REMODELING**

How do these two items go together? During the remodeling we will have to use the east entrance. This was not designed as a main entrance. The steps are easy to walk but they lack decent handrails. You also come into church property with not much meeting space.

So what does this have to do with ushers? The head usher has many duties to perform prior to church and has to watch all that is happening. The head ushers need the help from the rest of the ushering crew for any service to help people in, move people away from the door, and make sure people get seated.

We are asking that if you are assigned to usher that you show up at least one half hour early to assist the head usher. The head usher will assign you a task. If you are scheduled to usher and cannot make it please call Brian Glaeser or the head usher for that service and inform them. Try to find a substitute for yourself.

We want the worship service to be as pleasant as possible during the remodeling. That will take the effort of those ushering to see that we help our members wherever possible.

*John Smith, Congregational President*

### **MORE INCONVENIENCES**

As we all can see our building expansion has started, finally. Now that the contractor has started some of the nagging questions are being answered. Questions like "How much room will we have between the cemetery and the fenced off area?" As you can see almost none.

It has been suggested that we have Saturday evening services in the Trinity Family Center. That was a great idea until we were reminded that there is no power to the Trinity Family Center since it came from the main power box by church which had to be removed for the remodeling. There would be a substantial cost to run temporary power to that building.

There will also be no air conditioning until the main power room is ready in the new addition. The temporary power run to church is not large enough to handle the air conditioning. The additional cost to boost the temporary power to run the air conditioning is \$3,500.00.

If the walk to the entrance to church that we are using is too far or rough for you or if you have other issues that make attending church a challenge we have a number of alternatives.

We are video taping services for the Valdres cable to run on TV. We can make a DVD for your home worship. Pastor is willing to do extra home visits during the construction. You can temporarily attend a sister congregation that has easier access.

We understand that the inconvenience caused by the construction is a hardship we have to endure but the end product will be a great improvement in accessibility of our church.

*The Church Council*

## News from the WELS

### Answers to some timely questions

#### *From the office of President Mark Schroeder*

Many across synod have been raising questions now that the impact of the budget cuts proposed by the Synodical Council is beginning to be felt. Some reductions in missions, at our synodical schools, and here at the Synod Administration Building have already begun. Call days were held at Martin Luther College and at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, with 21 unassigned candidates at MLC and 11 at the seminary. Here's what we know at the present time about the most common concerns:

**Why does the proposed budget require \$8 million in reductions?** The Synodical Council is required by the constitution to submit a balanced budget. The reduced budget was necessary because the total financial support from all sources is estimated to be \$8 million less than the current budget.

**Why did the Synodical Council propose a budget with two options? Shouldn't they have proposed one budget?** After making significant reductions in all areas of the synod's budget, the Synodical Council was aware that the issue of maintaining two prep schools would be before the convention. The SC concluded that it could best equip the convention to make difficult decisions by preparing two options—one that provides for two prep schools and one that would provide for only one—and providing all the necessary information to make an informed decision.

**Do these two options pit missions against ministerial education?** Any budget choices will involve difficult decisions about where to place our precious and limited resources, so in a sense any prioritization of budget dollars involves making choices favoring one area over others. Both missions and ministerial education are vitally important, but the final decision will come down to where the convention decides to allocate the available resources.

**Will these reductions cause irreparable damage to our missions and schools?** All reductions will have a serious impact on the scope and nature of the work we do both in missions and in schools. We pray that wherever the reductions take place, God will provide ways to limit the damage and to enable us to restore and rebuild our efforts in those places.

**How were the priorities of reductions determined?** The level of funding for each area of ministry was determined by the Synodical Council after discussion of the impact of reductions. Within each area of ministry, administrators were responsible for developing their own prioritized list of reductions, based on their knowledge of their area and with input from people working in those areas.

**Why are reductions taking place before the budget is approved by the convention?** The convention does not meet until the end of July, one month after the new budget year actually begins. The convention will make the final decisions on budget allocations, but with reductions of \$8 million, significant cuts across all areas of ministry are unavoidable. When positions or calls are eliminated, the synod provides three months of salary to those affected. If cuts in missionary and faculty positions are not made until after the convention, the budget would need to include four months of support for those positions. This would require eliminating even more positions. Beginning to make some reductions now will spare us from having to make even more later on.

**Some calls have already been terminated in all areas of ministry. What is being done to help those faithful workers?** The Conference of Presidents is using the names of those workers on call lists. There are also plans to form a task force that will explore all possible ways to help these workers when they are without a call and to explore options for them to serve in temporary calls.

**What about graduates of Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary who did not receive calls?** The Conference of Presidents will assign these graduates on a continuing basis as requests for graduates are received. They will also be looking for ways in which these graduates can serve in temporary calls.

**We hear a lot about budget reductions and cuts in programs and staffing. What is being done to encourage additional financial support from congregations and individuals?** The

Conference of Presidents will be encouraging all congregations to be sure to meet or exceed their Congregation Mission Offering (CMO) subscriptions and to submit them in a timely way. Since CMO is the foundation on which our budget is built, and since CMO provides the most dependable source of ongoing support, it remains the most important part of our funding. Some WELS members are encouraging special offerings from individuals and congregations. These efforts will certainly help in the short term and may provide some immediate relief; those efforts are certainly appreciated and may prove to be a special blessing.

**Can the convention make changes to the recommended budget?** The proposed budget will be assigned to a floor committee. That committee will hold an open hearing early in the convention in order to answer questions and hear various viewpoints. The committee can either recommend the budget that has been proposed (with one of the two options) or it can make changes. It will then forward its recommendation to the convention, which will adopt a final synodical budget.

**What can we do to prevent the kinds of reductions that the budget calls for?** Increased offerings from congregations and individuals would certainly be a blessing in the short term. The potential benefit would depend on the total offerings received and on when they are given.

**Is it possible that the reductions will need to be even greater than what has been described?** The reality is that the budget, with all of its reductions, is based primarily on the Congregation Mission Offerings that have been promised. If congregations fall behind on those commitments or if their actual gifts to the synod are less than what they committed, we will likely be forced to make even more reductions than those already announced. This is why Congregation Mission Offerings are so vitally important.

**What is being done to prevent this kind of situation from happening again?** This situation came about very suddenly primarily because of a significant reduction in support from individuals and foundations. The Synodical Council has put a plan into place that will, in the future, enable us to spend these non-CMO dollars only in the year after they are received, not in the year in which they are expected. While this will not prevent future shortages, it will enable us to have real dollars on hand prior to our plans for their use, rather than making plans on the basis of expected financial support.

**What can I do?** Pray that God will bless our convention delegates with faith, courage, and wisdom as they make difficult decisions. Ask God to be with those whose calls have been terminated and who are waiting for a new place in which to serve him. Ask the leaders of your congregation to make these issues known to your members and to encourage generous and timely offerings even in these difficult financial times. Above all, trust that our gracious God will use this difficult situation to bless us according to his grace and wisdom and to enable our synod and all of our members to recommit ourselves to the mission that he has given us.

If you have other questions, please feel free to e-mail me at [mark.schroeder@sab.wels.net](mailto:mark.schroeder@sab.wels.net).

Serving in Christ,  
*Mark Schroeder*

### **Candidates for ministry: blessings from a gracious God**

At Martin Luther College and at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, God is again demonstrating his love for his church by providing dozens of young people who are led by him to say, "Here am I; send me!"

Last week at Martin Luther College, 80 candidates for the teaching ministry were assigned to their field of service. As they received their calls, our entire synod was reminded of God's promises for the future. These newly minted teachers will enter elementary schools, early childhood programs, prep schools, and Lutheran high schools. They are well prepared to teach and to guide and to encourage. Most important, they are equipped to play a vital role in teaching future generations of God's people to know the love of Christ.

This week at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, vicars and graduates will be assigned. The vicars will spend the next year learning the practical aspects of the pastoral ministry before returning for their final year of seminary studies. Graduates will be assigned to their first year of service in the pastoral

ministry. They, too, represent God's precious gifts to his church—young men who will continue to proclaim God's truth and to share the comfort of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

When so many other church bodies are experiencing shortages of workers, we count it as a special blessing that we have been blessed with such a large number of young people willing to dedicate their lives to full-time service in the church.

At Martin Luther College, there were 21 candidates available for service anywhere who were not assigned on call day. We do not yet know if any seminary graduates will not be assigned later this week. [Update on that in above interview with President Schroeder.]

The assignment process for both pastors and teachers, however, does not end. Throughout the coming months, the Conference of Presidents will assign candidates as soon as they receive requests from congregations. Please keep all of our unassigned candidates and their families in your prayers. We will want to ask God to give them a strong faith rooted in his Word, joy that flows from the gospel, and a patient trust that comes from knowing that their times are in the hands of a gracious God.

Serving in Christ,  
*Mark Schroeder*

### **WELS members safe from California wildfire**

Members of Our Redeemer, Santa Barbara, Calif., are safe after a wildfire that had already consumed 8,600 acres and about 80 homes came within two miles of the church and even closer to congregation members' homes May 8. A change of weather helped firefighters get the fire under control.

"The real thanks goes first to the Lord," says Rev. Jim Proeber. "He controls the wind and the elements, so the 'sundowners' (50-60 mph winds) that should have appeared [May 8] never materialized." According to Proeber, if the predicted winds had materialized, the fire could have spread much further and faster.

Proeber and six other families from Our Redeemer were evacuated along with 30,000 other residents in the Santa Barbara area. Most evacuees were allowed to return to their homes the next day. The church and parsonage as well as the members' homes were spared.

"It gives one reason to pause and consider all the Lord does provide and how he works in our lives," says Proeber. "It also makes one rethink what is really important when you are given the warning to evacuate. To him be praise and glory!"

### **Community drawn to new Las Vegas mission**

First worship services were held May 10 at Shepherd of the Hills, Las Vegas—one of six new congregations established last year with the assistance of Home Missions. More than 120 people attended; Rev. Aaron Strong says he was expecting between 50 and 70.

"It was amazing; I just couldn't believe it and I still can't believe it," says Strong. Of the 100 first-time visitors, he says about one-third were existing prospects; the rest were new faces who had seen flyers, mailings, and newspaper ads. "It's amazing to see how God answers prayers," he says. Since Strong arrived last July, he has been canvassing communities in northwest Las Vegas. He says this growing region has many young families; about half are unchurched. "One of the big things we picked up on is this area needs a church—we are one of the few Christian churches in the five-mile vicinity," he says. "There are also a lot of families looking for family activities and programs, so that's going to be a big part of our ministry."

Shepherd of the Hills currently offers a family Bible hour on Sundays and monthly family fellowship activities; in the future Strong says he hopes to add a program for parents and young children, vacation Bible school, and Easter and Christmas for Kids.

"I pray that God continue to keep us faithful to the work we're doing," he says. "It's always kind of easy to look back at all the work we put in to get to this point and then think, 'Okay, now we can just

sit back and enjoy.' But there are still a lot of people out there who need to hear the Word, and we want to continue to reach out to and feed them with the Word each week."

### **A new look at stewardship**

Development work has begun on new congregation stewardship resources based on the new phrase chosen to identify the synod: "Christ's Love, Our Calling."

The intent is to extend the annual synod stewardship emphasis into a gospel-motivated, multi-layered, year-round spiritual growth effort. The Commission on Adult Discipleship is designing the resources to focus on one aspect of our calling as Christians in each of the next four years: to seek, to serve, to share, and to speak.

Rev. Dave Kehl, administrator of Adult Discipleship, says although one aim of the effort is to make the new identity phrase "click" in the lives of laypeople, there is so much more. "We want to heighten the appreciation of our identity as saints in Christ and to encourage lives worthy of the calling we have received," says Kehl. "We want to provide a pattern for people to follow to establish new spiritual habits in a world that has drawn us away from godly living."

Congregation resources for the first year of the effort, including worship resources, Bible studies, PowerPoint presentations, home devotions, and more, will be available after synod convention this summer. Congregations will be receiving an introductory mailer this week.

### **WLC choir performs for WELS members in Europe**

On Sun., May 24, the college choir of [Wisconsin Lutheran College](#) (WLC), Milwaukee, performed at Fruchthalle in Kaiserslautern, Germany, for WELS members who are part of the European chaplaincy program. The performance was a "thank you" to the many U.S. soldiers who work at nearby Ramstein Air Base and a way to gain more community exposure for WELS' ministry in Europe.

The concert in Kaiserslautern was the final performance for the choir, which completed a 15-day European concert tour. Before the concert in Kaiserslautern, choir members split up into smaller groups to sing throughout the town and pass out flyers advertising the concert. The flyers also promoted [WELS European chaplaincy](#).

WELS European chaplaincy, coordinated by WELS Special Ministries, serves members of the military and civilians. A full-time pastor, Rev. Joshua Martin, serves these WELS members, who are scattered throughout Europe. Each month Martin meets with these members for Bible study and worship in five different locations throughout England, Germany, and Switzerland. At each location, 15 to 20 members meet.

The Kaiserslautern concert provided WELS members in Europe, particularly those stationed at Ramstein Air Base, an opportunity to gather together for fellowship. "It means a lot to have an outside group over here," says Martin. "The soldiers appreciated the thanks. We had some members drive from Frankfurt and Cologne to get here. We really appreciate chances to get together around God's Word with other Christians."

### **BORAM, other convention info now available**

The 2009 *Book of Reports and Memorials* (BORAM)—designed to inform and prepare delegates and called workers for this summer's synod convention—is now available. The book contains reports of the last two years of WELS ministry activity and presents the ministry plan for the next biennium.

While BORAM is being distributed about a month later than in previous convention years, it contains all the latest pertinent budget projections and proposals—information that previously had to be posted as supplemental reports online.

Copies were mailed to all male called workers and convention delegates May 29 and should arrive the first week of June. The book is also available for download on the convention Web site, [www.wels.net/convention](http://www.wels.net/convention).

Additional materials available on the convention Web site include lists of the candidates nominated for election, pre-convention news stories, preliminary agendas, floor committee assignments, and other synods reports.

During convention, the WELS Technology office will again be providing live streaming coverage of the convention. Through the week, presentations, resolutions, and news will be posted on the convention site. Daily convention wrap-ups will also be sent through "Together."

Look for more pre-convention information in upcoming issues of Together, in July's *Forward in Christ* magazine and *WELS Connection* video, and on the [convention Web site](#).

### **Sending aid to Pakistan**

WELS is stepping in to help refugees displaced by violence between the Taliban and Pakistani Army in Pakistan's [North West Frontier Province](#). WELS Committee on Relief sent \$3,000 last week to the synod's contact in Pakistan, who will purchase and distribute essentials like food and small coolers within the camps.

According to the United Nations Refugee Agency, almost 2.5 million Pakistani people have fled the combat zone since the beginning of the month, making it one of the largest and fastest displacements to occur anywhere in the world in recent years. These refugees join almost 550,000 other Pakistanis who were displaced by violence and natural disasters since last August.

Rev. Michael Duncan, chairman of WELS South Asia administrative committee, has been in contact with Pakistani Christians in the region who report that people have been killed in the crossfire and others have perished from exhaustion. "The fighting has caused millions to leave their homes, and this has caused great suffering," says Duncan.

Although resident missionaries are not allowed in this largely Muslim country, over the past seven years WELS has been able to provide Christian literature to people in Pakistan. In the North West Frontier Province, many of those copies were destroyed by the Taliban. But Duncan says with the help of Pakistani Christians, WELS may be able to get more literature into the refugee camps when the food and supplies are distributed.

"Please remember the people of Pakistan in your prayers and ask God to use these crises to lead many to a knowledge of the gospel in Christ," he says.

### **The Bible-Book of Proverbs**

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

## **GENERAL FACTS ABOUT THE BOOK OF PROVERBS**

### **PROVERBS IN GENERAL**

A proverb is "a brief wise saying" or "wisdom condensed into a brief statement." The Book of Proverbs is a collection of wise sayings. (See section on "Hebrew Poetry"). The purpose of the Book of Proverbs is to teach wisdom, especially to the young. It seeks to impress on the reader that wisdom starts with the Lord. [[Proverbs 1:7](#)] says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." Proverbs should not be thought of simply as a book of wise sayings on how to be successful in this world. It is a book of moral instruction dealing with sin and holiness before God. When reading the individual proverbs, it is important to remember that proverbs are designed to state things that are GENERALLY true and not necessarily to state things that are always true. For example, [[Proverbs 22:6](#)] says,

**"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."**

That is certainly true. But the proverb also allows for the exception when a child who is given excellent instruction may later be led astray. The truths that proverbs teach are GENERAL TRUTHS.

## **AUTHORSHIP OF THE BOOK OF PROVERBS**

The Book of Proverbs begins this way: "**The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel.**" Solomon wrote a large part of the Book of Proverbs. He is credited with writing or at least speaking the proverbs in chapters 1-29. We know also that Solomon wrote more proverbs that are not recorded in this book. [1 Kings 4:32] says, "**(Solomon) spoke three thousand proverbs and his songs numbered a thousand and five.**" The headings on chapter 30 and 31 tell us also that two men by the name of Agur and King Lemuel also wrote some of the proverbs. The headings at 22:17 and 24:23 show that some anonymous authors also contributed to the book.

## **A GENERAL OUTLINE FOR PROVERBS**

Because the book is filled with individual proverbs not always fitting under a single theme, it is difficult to give a logical outline for the Book of Proverbs. But perhaps this general outline will be of some help.

A General Introduction On Wisdom (1-9)

Six Collections of Proverbs (10-31:9)

An Acrostic Poem On The Perfect Wife (31-10-31)

## **SOME IMPORTANT THEMES THAT RUN THROUGH THE BOOK**

**WISDOM AND FOLLY - THE WISE MAN AND THE FOOL** Proverbs on this theme contrast living by God's wise way and man's proud selfish way. For examples see 10:23, 12:1, 15:5.

**THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED** Proverbs under this theme describes the righteous way of life and its blessings and contrasts it with wicked living that ends in destruction. For some examples of this kind of proverb, see 10:3, 12:2-3, 16:8.

**WORDS AND THE TONGUE** Many proverbs give advice regarding the proper and improper use of speech. Note these examples: 11:11-14, 27:2.

**THE FAMILY** Proverbs under this theme give advice on the things that make for a happy and lasting home-life, and the things that destroy home-life. See these examples: 10:1, 13:1, 12:4.

**LAZINESS AND HARD WORK** Read these proverbs as examples under this theme: 10:4-5, 22:13, 24:30-34.

## **Announcements**

### **MANITOWOC LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL DIRECT CHECKS**

#### **Support Checks Written Directly to MLHS**

If you would like your check to be counted toward the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church annual commitment, please make it payable to MLHS and place it in the church collection plate to be tracked against our monthly commitment totals. The checks will be delivered to the MLHS office.

#### **Capital Campaign Checks for MLHS**

Capital campaign checks for MLHS can be sent directly to MLHS or placed in the church collection plate. The checks will be delivered to the MLHS office.

#### **Teachers Needed**

There will be a Sunday School Teachers meeting June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. We are still in need of superintendents and also teachers. The meeting is for present teachers and anyone interested.

#### **Fellowship Committee**

##### **Brewer Game Bus Trip**

Tickets are still available for the game on Sunday, June 28th. Cost is only \$47 per person, which includes a game ticket, transportation on a coach bus, lunch from Subway, beverages, snacks and a tip for the bus driver. The sign up sheet is in Chad Knutson's mailbox. Please remember to fill

out a lunch order form for each person in your party. Please make the checks out to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church and place them in Chad Knutson's church mailbox.

### **Church Picnic**

The picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Valders Community Center. There will be an outdoor worship service at 9:30 am followed by the picnic. More details will follow soon, but here's one encouragement. Kids and other active folks, be sure to bring along sports equipment and active wear that day. The Valders site should allow us to play softball, tennis, basketball and use the playground – plenty of fun for all!

### **Trinity Ladies Circle**

The Trinity Ladies Circle met on Tuesday, May 26, at 6:00 p.m. Our discussion on parenting unexpectedly turned into a discussion about end-of-life issues. After sharing many personal viewpoints and experiences on the subject, we realized that each situation is different and that we need to pray for the Lord's guidance if and when end-of-life decisions need to be made for our loved ones. Thanks to those who shared their thoughts on the subject!

The Annual Rally of the Lutheran Ladies League will be held at Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church on Wednesday, September 30, 2009. Co-hosts of the event are Bethany and Grace Lutheran Church. The theme of the rally will be "Year of Jubilee." More information on the times, agenda, cost, and registration will be coming in July or August.

After our business meeting, our first book discussion turned out to be thought-provoking and very interesting. Everyone participated and shared their thoughts and interpretations on various aspects of "The Choice." We plan to select another book to read as a group in a few months.

On Tuesday, June 30, all ladies of the congregation are invited to our "social night" at Luigi's Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. Feel free to bring your spouse or a friend as a guest. (There will be no business meeting for the month of June.) If you are interested in joining us, please call Cindy Williamson (758-2726) or put a note in her church mailbox by June 23 with your name and the number planning to attend. Thank you!

### **Thrivent Funding update**

Every year Thrivent Financial gives congregations a small amount of money to be used within the congregation. There are some guidelines that need to be followed in order to qualify for this money.

1. There must be a free will donation offering at the event given for the church. (Example: Church picnic with a free will basket set out).
2. The event must be entered into the Thrivent Financial system before the event actually happens. Talking to your church's Thrivent Representative ahead of the event will help in getting things entered properly in the system and assure you of some money assistance.
3. Because of the limited funding available, committees should discuss if they want this assistance and contact one of the church's Thrivent reps so that the Thrivent committee can then be sure to sort the money properly among different committees within the congregation.

Any committees looking for Thrivent money assistance on events being held for church between the months of May and December 2009, please contact Amy Hochkammer (920.758.2696), Janice Wehausen (920) 758-2638, or Cindy Williamson (920) 758-2726. Thank You.



Congratulations to Josh Fitzgerald and Alison Schaus for graduating from LTC. Congratulations to Julie Lietzau, Stephanie Nagel, and Tim Petersen for graduating from Valders High School. Also

congratulations to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates; Anthony Boardman, Breanna Glaeser, Markus Luckow and Trisha Petersen. God bless you as you journey forth in life.

### **The Lutheran Ceili Orchestra . . .**

Will provide special music at Grace Lutheran Church in Manitowoc on June 21<sup>st</sup> for the 8:00 & 10:30 services, they will also provide a concert immediately following the 10:30 service. TLCO was formed at St. Marcus in Milwaukee, where it assembles for an all-Irish service each year. A few of the Orchestra's core members travel to share their unique sound of Lutheran hymns. They use many different types of instruments. Please come and share in this unique event.

### **Lutheran Marriage Encounter . . .**

Is presenting a Marriage Encounter weekend in Brookfield July 17-19. The weekend is a wonderful opportunity for married couples to enrich their marriage. If you are interested contact the church secretary for more details.

### **Reminder**

We need a list of everyone that has a key for the church. If you're no longer involved with any committees we ask that you hand your key in to the church secretary. Also if you have a key, we ask that you tell the church secretary. We need the listing for insurance purposes. Thank you.

## **MLHS News**

**MLHS CALL NEWS:** Mr. Martin Plocher has accepted the call extended by the MLHS Federation to teach technical education and science.

**REPEAT PERFORMANCE – HELP NEEDED:** Is always looking for volunteers for the summer. Whether as cashiers, sorters, day managers, or “muscles” to help unload donations or lift items from storage shelves, help is sorely needed! We have been asked to help spread the word and ask our families if they might be willing to lend just a bit of help, and we certainly hope you'll consider it. Please consider lending a hand, encouraging your son or daughter to volunteer a bit, and even suggesting the idea to their grandparents. This is a TREMENDOUS opportunity to have generations mix in a Christian setting, and the volunteer time can also help build a resume or college application by demonstrating job skills and leadership qualities. Please contact Mrs. LaVerne Mattes with any questions at 769-0017 (store) or 652-9610 (home).

### **SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE**

6/8-12	MLHS Boys' & Girls' Basketball Camps
6/15-18	MLHS Girls' Volleyball Camp
6/22-26	MLHS Fine Arts Camp
7/15-17	MLHS Boys' Wrestling Camp
7/28-31	MLHS Boys Football Camp

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# Church Attendance for May



## Combined Total for Saturday/Sunday

### May 2006

**Week 1:** 29/111

**Week 2:** 25/154 (Exam. Sunday)

**Week 3:** 15/239 (Confirmation)

**Week 4:** 41/78

**Monthly: 692**

### May 2007

**Week 1:** 36/168 (Confirmation)

**Week 2:** 38/111

**Week 3:** 145 (Charles Bonow)

**Week 4:** 45/180

**Monthly: 692**

### May 2008

**Ascension Service: 43**

**Week 1:** 28/202 (Confirmation)

**Week 2:** 34/138

**Week 3:** 35/120

**Week 4:** 26/57

**Monthly: 633**

### May 2009

**Week 1:** 46/168 (Confirmation)

**Week 2:** 28/132

**Week 3:** 31/123

**Week 4:** 37/66

**Week 5:** 51/89

**Monthly: 771**

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

*John*

4:24

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*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- 86 Years Young!**

6/11 Eli Kenneke

6/11 Michael Rusch

6/11 David Schultz

6/12 Heather Skinkis

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 Tammie Nagel

6/25 Tammy Glaeser

6/26 Dan Knutson

6/28 Nancy Matznick



*Happy Anniversary To...*

6/6 Harold & Ann Luebke – 50 Years!

6/13 Kevin & Sheri Schreiber – 22 Years!

6/14 Derrick & Susan Krey – 34 Years!

6/17 Larry & Lois Fischer – 26 Years!

6/19 Sean & Kara Sieracki – 5 Years!

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

Date:	Ushers on Schedule:
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Harold Bratz, Steve Pleuss
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	James Ott, Wayne Otto, Dan Knutson, Joseph Nagel
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	James Glaeser (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), Mark Kiesow
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Vetter (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Brett Glaeser, Uriah Matznick
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Williamson, Peter Liermann
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	David Schultz, Larry Hochkammer, Eli Kenneke, A.J. Kenneke
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	John Smith (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Marty Kiesow
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Petersen (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), Jeff Tuschel, Dan Knutson
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	David Schultz, August Teesch
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	James Ott, Elwood Free, Jeff Kasten, Alex Kasten

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

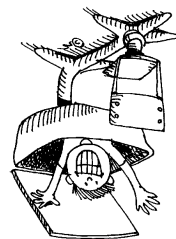
**Communion Liturgy:** Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.  
 Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for you for the remission of your sins.  
 May this strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Depart in peace; your sins are forgiven. Amen.

**Altar Guild: June – Group 2:**  
 Elizabeth Otto, Lois Glaeser, Sharon Arnold, Mary Liermann

### ***Our Greeters For June***



***Because of the church renovation we will not be having greeters until further notice. Thank you for your patience on this matter.***



# Kids Corner

## Bible Quiz – “Workers & Tools”

1. Which of the following prophets speaks of beating plowshares into swords?
  - a. Ezekiel
  - b. Jeremiah
  - c. Joel
  - d. Malachi
  
2. Which man was plowing when he was called to be a prophet of God?
  - a. Peter
  - b. Elijah
  - c. Elisha
  - d. Ezekiel
  
3. How much of Elijah’s spirit did Elisha receive?
  - a. Twice as much
  - b. The same amount
  - c. Half as much
  - d. None
  
4. Elijah performed a miracle for a widow from this place:
  - a. Gerah
  - b. Maresha
  - c. Ramah
  - d. Zarephath
  
5. When Elijah fled into the wilderness, God asked him the following question:
  - a. Where are you going?
  - b. Why have you come here?
  - c. Where are you?
  - d. What are you doing here?

**Answers:** 1.) c [James 5:17] 2.) d [1Kings 19:11,12] 3.) a [2 Kings 2:9-10] 4.) d [1 Kings 17:5-6]  
5.) d [1 Kings 9:9]

# Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

John 14:15-21

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

love  
obey  
command

Counselor  
forever  
Spirit

truth  
world  
accept

lives  
orphans  
Father

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I can do right by obeying God's laws.

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