



# *The Messenger*

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## **What's in a Word?**

### **Pastor's Corner**

It was the summer of 2003. I was a vicar in Fort Worth, Texas, strolling through a local sporting goods store with my supervising pastor (my boss) Rev. Myrl Wagenknecht. We were looking for a tennis racket for me, for the church had a tennis group that met Sunday nights. A clerk came over to assist us. He told us how he played at the same court we did, and we should get together some time. I probably would not remember this conversation today, if not for the last thing that clerk said to us. He shook Pastor Wagenknecht's hand, smiled, and said. "Very nice talking to you. You're very loquacious."

Say what? It was the first time I'd ever heard someone use the word. I looked it up when I got back home that night. Loquacious means "very talkative." I was impressed with that clerk, for he summed up Pastor Wagenknecht perfectly in one word. My supervising pastor was an easy, friendly conversationalist.

Years earlier, I was at my uncle and aunt's house, for a birthday. My cousins started teasing me goodnaturedly about something, as cousins do. I shrugged and laughed. My cousin Aaron turned to me and said. "Aw, Greg, you're being magnanimous."

Excuse me? That word was new to me. Magnanimous, according to Webster's, means, "generous in overlooking injury or insult." I think my cousin Aaron summed up my easy-going attitude pretty well at the time, with one word.

To this day, I remain fascinated with words, and the art of efficiency of speech. It's neat that the larger your vocabulary is, the less words you have to use to express yourself. Next time you're in worship, thank God for efficiency of speech when you hear those wonderful faith words. For instance, salvation. It means we've been saved from our sins through Jesus. There are many more examples of special terms of the faith, but here's one more. Redemption. It means we have been bought back from sin, death, and the devil by Christ's holy precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. *One word* packed with so much meaning, expressing our souls' everlasting hope. Words' highest purpose is to carry the loving promises of God.

*Pastor Gregory Pope*



## **Message From The President**

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

The church office for Trinity will be open Monday through Friday morning from 8 to noon. If there is anything you need assistance with or if you need to get into one of the buildings, Mary Liermann will be available to assist you.

We encourage all the boards, committees, groups, or whomever that have reports or other items that need copying to contact Mary. We would like to have Mary operate the copier to eliminate any issues with this expensive machine.

Just email or drop off a copy of the material with how many copies you need and Mary will take care of it. Obviously we are talking about church related matters.

Mary also probably has the best knowledge as to where Pastor is on any given day. She can also be of assistance in helping you get in contact with him.

*John Smith*, Trinity Congregational President

## **News from the WELS**

### **Implementing convention decisions**

*From the office of President Mark Schroeder*

It's only two weeks after the conclusion of the synod convention, but already work has begun to implement the various resolutions that were adopted.

Convention decisions directly affected the work of Parish Services in a number of ways. First, the Board for Parish Services has been replaced by a Parish Services council. The work carried out by Parish Assistance and the commissions on Evangelism, Youth Discipleship, Adult Discipleship, Worship, Special Ministries, and Parish Schools will now be carried out as a part of the Ministry Support area of the synod's work and will be accountable to the Conference of Presidents through the synod president. Second, the budget for the ministries of Parish Services was further reduced. Reductions had already been planned before convention; with these additional reductions, three more called positions and possibly one staff position will need to be eliminated. The specifics of those reductions and what programs might be reduced or eliminated are being identified and will be finally determined by the Conference of Presidents. In keeping with recommendations of the Ad Hoc Commission and the resolutions of the convention, every effort will be made to preserve as many functions of the Parish Services ministries as possible.

The convention delegates received some unexpected good news when WELS VEBA announced that there will be a one-month premium holiday sometime this fall. In other words, for one month all calling bodies will not be required to send premium payments for their workers who are participants in the VEBA health insurance plan. The convention passed a resolution strongly encouraging congregations and schools to redirect the money they would have sent to VEBA to the synod instead. If all calling bodies follow the convention's encouragement, there is potential benefit to the synod of up to \$2.5 million. Since congregations and schools have already budgeted for these payments, this step could provide the synod with significant additional financial support with no additional sacrifice from congregations. More information on this will be shared in the coming weeks.

#### **New members of the Synodical Council**

The Synodical Council supervises the mission and ministry of the synod between conventions. Several new members will be joining the Synodical Council when it meets in November.

**Rev. Joel Voss** (second vice president)

**Rev. Phil Hirsch** (chairman of the Board for Ministerial Education)

**Rev. Jonathan Schroeder** (pastor at large)

**Teacher James Moeller** (teacher at large)

#### **Called workers without calls**

As the budget was developed last year, there were concerns that the reductions would result in a large number of called workers without calls. In all, about 38 occupied and vacant positions for called workers were eliminated. Thankfully, our worst fears have not been realized. The Lord has provided other calls for many whose positions were eliminated. Only six pastor-trained men, two staff ministers, and six teachers have not yet received a call. All but 4 seminary graduates and 12 MLC graduates have also been assigned. We will keep all of these workers in our prayers until the Lord calls them to the field of service he has planned for them.

Not to be forgotten are the many faithful staff people across all areas of ministry whose positions have been eliminated. Our prayers are with them, too, as they struggle to find new employment.

Serving in Christ,  
*Mark Schroeder*

## **WELS president expresses regret at ELCA decision on gay clergy**

Milwaukee, Wis.—Rev. Mark Schroeder, president of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), is expressing regret at the vote of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) convention regarding homosexual clergy. Friday, delegates approved a resolution committing the church to find a way for “people in such publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships” to serve as professional leaders of the church.

“To view same-sex relationships as acceptable to God is to place cultural viewpoint and human opinions above the clear Word of God,” says Schroeder. “The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, along with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and other smaller Lutheran synods, maintains and upholds the clear teaching of the Bible that homosexuality is not in keeping with God’s design and is sinful in God’s eyes.”

At the same time, Schroeder says WELS congregations stand ready to support those struggling with same-sex attractions. “As with any sin, it is the church’s responsibility to show love and compassion to sinners, not by condoning or justifying the sin, but by calling the sinner to repent and by assuring the sinner that there is full forgiveness in Jesus Christ,” Schroeder says.

WELS, with about 390,000 members and nearly 1,300 congregations nationwide, is the third largest Lutheran church body in the United States. In Wisconsin alone, there are more than 201,000 members and 417 congregations. “It’s unfortunate that many headlines have referred to the recent decisions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as something ‘Lutherans’ have decided,” Schroeder says. “In fact, the ELCA is only one of many Lutheran denominations. We are saddened that a group with the name Lutheran would take another decisive step away from the clear teaching of the Bible, which was the foundation of the Lutheran Reformation.”

Schroeder says that WELS is firmly committed to upholding God’s design for marriage as outlined in Scripture—a design intended for one man and one woman. “We believe, and the Bible teaches, that God designed this relationship to be a blessing for men and women and for society. Any departure from what God himself has designed does two things: it denies the clear teachings of Scriptures and it undermines God’s desire that the man/woman relationship in marriage be a blessing.”

## **New Hmong pastor at Alaskan mission**

Rev. Pao Moua will be installed Aug. 23 as the pastor of WELS’ first Hmong mission in Alaska. The mission—currently called Faith Hmong Mission—is holding services at Faith Lutheran Church, Anchorage.

“I think it looks really promising as a mission field for us,” says Rev. Leon Piepenbrink, Hmong ministry coordinator. “We’re there before a lot of other churches have started Hmong congregations, and we’re there at a time when a lot of people are moving there.”

About 50 Hmong have been meeting regularly at Faith for about a year. Many of the core members relocated from Fresno, Calif., where WELS already has a Hmong congregation. Before Moua came, Rev. Jim Oldfield from Faith had been preaching once a month with an interpreter, and Hmong elders had led simple services on the other Sundays.

Since there is no funding for this mission, Moua will be working a full-time job in addition to preaching, holding Bible study, and conducting ministry training at the mission.

Congregational lay leaders will be responsible for community outreach. “Our goal would be to gather more donations and commitments for this mission in Anchorage so that eventually Pao could scale back to a part-time job and do more ministry,” says Piepenbrink.

Although not financially responsible for the Hmong mission, Faith is hosting the mission at its church and allowing the Moua family to live in the nearby parsonage. Moua was one of three Hmong men who graduated in May from the Asian Ministry Training Program, a

satellite program under the auspices of the Pastoral Studies Institute of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

### **Hard times in Pakistan and Nepal**

WELS' contact in Pakistan reports that Christians in Gojra, Pakistan, were attacked by Muslims on Aug. 1. A number of Christians were killed, and many homes were burned. Exact numbers are difficult to obtain because of the anti-Christian atmosphere in Pakistan. WELS began working with a Christian in Pakistan in 2006, but his identity must remain protected for his safety. Since 2006, WELS has distributed more than 60,000 pieces of Christian literature to people in Pakistan, and 19,000 students are enrolled in the Bible correspondence and teaching courses translated into Urdu by [WELS Multi-Language Publications](#).

Rev. Michael Duncan, WELS' mission outreach coordinator for Pakistan and Nepal, says, "Christians in other parts of the world experience extreme persecution for their beliefs. The devil is alive, and we must do all we can to share the gospel in parts of the world where it is unknown. It's critical that we pray for Christians in countries like Pakistan and for the work that we are doing to share the gospel with these people."

Duncan also reports that a cholera epidemic in midwestern Nepal has killed 260 people and left thousands sick. Through the synod's contact in Nepal, WELS has access to these remote regions where people are not receiving medicine, so the contact, along with leaders in the church, will bring medicines to these people. [WELS Committee on Relief](#) is supplying \$1,000 and [WELS Humanitarian Aid Committee](#) is supplying \$1,100 for medical clinics to treat this cholera epidemic.

Rev. David Valleskey, chairman of the Humanitarian Aid Committee, says, "The Humanitarian Aid Committee exists to demonstrate the love of Jesus to people by providing gifts to them in times of trouble, which is obviously what this is for the people in Nepal. One of our goals is to have people ask, 'Why are you giving us this gift?' Then Christians in the area have an opportunity to share the gospel with their neighbors."

### **DVD debuts at synod convention**

*Road to Emmaus*, a new DVD that portrays the discussion that Jesus could have had with the two disciples after his resurrection, debuted at the 2009 synod convention.

"It was outstanding," says Rev. Ed Schuppe, a pastor delegate. "It will have many uses for congregations throughout our synod, especially in the mission field. I thank God for the awesome tool that this can be for reaching the lost and strengthening our members in their knowledge of God's plan of salvation."

According to Rev. Dave Kehl, administrator for Adult Discipleship, the movie is part of a larger effort of the Publication Coordinating Commission, a group of representatives from WELS entities involved in material publication, to focus its publishing efforts on a central message—Christ's victory on the cross and how we're involved in his mission to reveal that to the world. "Here in a simple, 30-minute movie is an explanation of what the whole Bible is about—zeroing down to the core of what Christ has done for us and our mission," says Kehl.

*Road to Emmaus* was produced and directed by Boettcher/Trinklein Television, Inc., the same group that produces *WELS Connection*. Filmed entirely in Wisconsin, it stars Bruce Marchiano as Jesus. Marchiano also portrays Jesus in the *Matthew* video put out by The Visual Bible.

According to Kehl, the movie is simple enough for congregations to use with those who have never heard of Christ but meaty enough for lifelong Christians. Already available in English and Spanish, the movie also will be translated into several other languages for use in world mission fields.

The movie is made possible by grants from the Publication Coordinating Commission, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, and WELS Kingdom Workers. It is available from [Northwestern Publishing House](#).

### New logo

The new synod logo, introduced at the synod convention in Saginaw, Mich., will be made available to all congregations and synod-affiliated organizations. The new logo is an updated version of the traditional WELS cross. The new red rings are symbolic of the work of the Holy Spirit and WELS' mission to proclaim the gospel to the world. The logo also incorporates the convention theme—and the new phrase chosen to identify the synod: "Christ's Love, Our Calling."



## The Bible-Book of Isaiah

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

### THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Isaiah's name comes first among the names of the prophets who wrote books of the Bible. That is fitting, because he stands as the greatest of the writing prophets. Chronologically, other prophets came before him; but none is greater. Isaiah lived in the kingdom of Judah in Jerusalem. We know very little about his personal life except that he was the son of Amoz and that he was married and had two sons. Isaiah prophesied during the reigns of four kings: Uzziah (Azariah), Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah (Is. 1:1). Chapter 6 of Isaiah tells us about his call from the Lord to serve as a prophet. He was called "in the year that King Uzziah died" (6:1). This was about the year 740 B.C. Read Chapter 6 to learn about Isaiah's call from God. As the words of Chapter 6 suggest, Isaiah's words usually fell on deaf ears and hard hearts. He preached strong words of law, which warned of God's judgment coming on the sins of the people. He also announced healing words of comfort from a gracious God who longs to forgive and restore his people. Isaiah's name itself speaks of God's love. His name means "the Lord is salvation" or "salvation of the Lord."

### ISAIAH'S TIME IN WORLD HISTORY

It is helpful to remember some history when reading the Book of Isaiah. For judgment on his stubborn people, God often called on foreign powers. The mighty power of Isaiah's time was Assyria. Isaiah had already been preaching for 18 years when he heard about God's judgment on the Northern Kingdom by allowing Assyria to destroy their kingdom. The Assyrian king later tried to take Jerusalem; but God did not allow it, just as Isaiah had told King Hezekiah in Jerusalem.

### THE SPECIAL PROPHECY OF ISAIAH

God did not only allow Isaiah to preach of the things that would take place in his own lifetime. God also allowed Isaiah to proclaim things that would happen far into the future. By prophetic vision, he "saw" the end of the Assyrian rule at the hands of the Babylonians in 612 B.C. He also "saw" the Babylonian Captivity of the Jews and their return to Judah. By God's prophetic gift, Isaiah was looking 200 years into the future to write of these events. But Isaiah was allowed to see farther into the future and far more important things than these. He was allowed to look into the future all the way up to the days of the Roman Empire when a virgin would give birth to a son who would be called Immanuel (7:15). In his famous 53rd Chapter, Isaiah is allowed to "see" the suffering and resurrection of this Prince Of Peace who would come to heal us by his wounds. Because of his clear visions of the Savior and his work, Isaiah is sometimes called "the evangelist of the Old Testament." By a miracle of the Spirit, through Isaiah the Old Testament people received a clear picture of the salvation that was to be prepared for them by God's Son. Be sure to read Chapter 53.

Remember that it was written more than 700 years before Christ's work. Do you think the people of Isaiah's time would ever be able to say, "We had no way of knowing about a Savior"?

### **ONE AUTHOR**

Many Bible critics say that one man could not have written all 66 chapters of Isaiah. Some say that at least three men must have done the writing: They say chapters 1-39 were written by one man, 40-54 by another, and 55-66 by still another. They try to prove their ideas by pointing out that the style of writing is so different in the various parts of the 66 chapters. They also claim that one man could not speak clearly of things that would happen 200 years after his death, such as Isaiah does concerning the Babylonian exile. But with God the Holy Spirit guiding the author, all things are possible. It is a tremendous miracle of the Spirit that allowed Isaiah to look not only 200 years into the future but also into the life and kingdom of Christ. As for different styles of writing in the book, people commonly use different styles of writing for different occasions; also, a style of writing may change very much as an author grows older. The testimony of the New Testament concerning one author for the 66 books of Isaiah is very clear. The New Testament quotes many chapters from all parts of Isaiah; and when it does, Isaiah is given credit for writing the whole book under the Holy Spirit. For examples, see such passages as [Mat. 13:14](#) (quotes Is. 6:9-10; Jn. 1:23 (quotes Is. 40:3); [Luke 4:17](#) ff (quotes Is. 61:1-2). Note that these passages give quotations from the supposed three "different books" of Isaiah. Yet there is no hint of three or more different Isaiahs writing. Clearly, the book has just one author.

### **AN OUTLINE FOR ISAIAH**

**Prophecies Concerning Things of Isaiah's Time (1-35)** In these chapters Isaiah prophesies concerning Judah, Jerusalem, and enemy nations. Interspersed in these chapters are many beautiful Messianic prophecies. (cf. 7:14; 9:6-7, 11).

**An Historical Interlude (36-39)** These four chapters give an historical account of the Assyrian King Sennacherib threatening Jerusalem at King Hezekiah's time. They also tell of Hezekiah's illness and recovery after he prayed for God's mercy.

**Prophecies Relating To The Exile (40-66)** These are primarily chapters of comfort for Judah and for the whole Church because of God's deliverance. God would deliver the Jews from Babylon and all of His people from sin through his "Servant." Especially important chapters in this section are 40, 53, and 61.

### **KEY PASSAGES FROM ISAIAH:**

**"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." (7:14)**

**"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (9:6-7)**

**"We all like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." (53:6)**



The new Bible Class starts Thursday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We will be starting a series on Hebrews 11 – Heroes of the Faith. We'll meet twice a month. Hope to see you there!

Also the Sunday morning class starts Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m. We will be finishing the Book of Proverbs. Again, consider joining us. All Bible classes will be meeting in church until further notice.

## **Announcements**

### **Sunday School**

The first day of Sunday school will be September 13<sup>th</sup>. Teachers this year are Mrs. Nagel and Mrs. Kiesow for Pre K-Kindergarten; Mrs. Melstrom grades 1-3; Mrs. Pope grades 4-6 and Mr. Knutson grades 7 & 8.

If anyone has not enrolled their child or children and would like to do so please contact Daniel Knutson at 775-3803.

### **Youth Group**

The Youth Group held its second Adopt-a-Highway clean up on Thursday August 13<sup>th</sup>. There was less to pick up (a good thing). Still, we filled up a few bags of trash, especially recyclables.

### **College Bound Students**

Parents of college students, please give us the new address of your child(ren) for when they are off at school or the military. That will help us send them the Messenger, other materials, and get them on the WELS mailing list. Please put the address in the secretary's mailbox, or call the church office at 758-7500. Thank you!

### **Trinity Ladies Circle**

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. Co-hosts for the event are Bethany and Grace, Manitowoc. The theme for this year's rally is "Year of Jubilee." The morning speaker will be Pastor Richard Warnke. The afternoon speaker will be Pastor David Liggett, President and Director of Christian Giving for the WELS Foundation. He will speak on the "Year of Jubilee." Two delegates from each congregation are asked to be present for the delegate meeting on the morning of the rally. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m., with the delegate meeting being held at 8:15 a.m. Registrations are \$5.00 each if made by September 16 and \$6.00 at the door. Everyone is invited. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Cindy Williamson at 758-2726.

The topic for our next meeting in September will be "fellowship," so bring your questions or thoughts to share as we learn more about what the Bible teaches us on the subject. After our business meeting, we will be picking the next title for our book discussion, so if you have any ideas or titles you think we might be interested in, please bring them to share. As always, all ladies of the congregation are very cordially invited to join us. We'd love to see you there!

## **Altar Flowers and WCUB Radio Broadcast**

Please remember that you can put flowers on the altar for any occasion just let the church secretary know. Also remember the WCUB Radio Broadcast is \$85.00 to sponsor a Sunday, just make a check out to church and put it in the secretary's mailbox.

## **Things to do...**

Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Newton Firefighters Fish Boil and Tractor Pull

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> Valders "R" Festival sponsored by the Valders Fire-Rescue

## **Martin Luther College Food Bank**

Over the years many WELS/ELS members have desired to assist our students, especially a growing number of students with families. The establishment of an on-campus food bank provides such an opportunity.

## **How does the Food Bank Work?**

The Food Bank depends on the contributions of our churches, organizations, and individuals. We accept non-perishable food items as well as personal and household cleaning items. Food donations are sorted onto shelves. Money that has been donated is used to purchase needed staple foods. In this way the families can receive a certain amount of basic supplies. Students will come to the Food Bank once a month and pick up items on a shopping guide that is based on the amount of food on hand.

## **How Can You Help?**

Organizations may want to collect money or food items at their monthly meeting or send a monthly check. Sunday School Day School children could bring one can or boxed item on a special day or a month-long door collection could be taken at church. No gift is too small or too large.

For more information please contact:

Jody Gosdeck, Edie Ash, Or Linda Schmidt

Martin Luther College

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## **What Kind Of Food Do We Need?**

We are set up to receive non-perishable food items. We have been blessed with many donations and are well stocked with veggies, chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, spaghetti noodles.

## **Items Needed: (Please watch expiration dates.)**

Muffin, cookie, cake, and brownie mixes

4 lb. Bags of sugar, 5lb. Bags of flour

Sugar- brown & powdered

Pie fillings, Jello & pudding mixes

Chocolate chips

Canned meats- chicken, spam, small hams, tuna, & salmon

Cream & chunky soups

Canned peaches, pears-lite varieties

Applesauce

Lasagna noodles, spaghetti sauce

Hamburger, Tuna & Chicken Helpers

Boxed potato mixes

Ketchup, pickles, olives

Tomatoes-sauce, chunks, diced  
Bush beans, kidney beans  
Jelly-no grape  
Bottles of fruit blend juices  
Regular coffee-no instant  
Granola bars  
Liquid laundry soap, dish soap  
Toilet paper-4 roll packages, single rolls of paper towels  
Toothpaste, shampoo  
Gift cards-Wal-Mart, HyVee grocery store, Cash Wise grocery store

### **News from St. John's**

We are going to try to have news from St. John's concerning things going on there. This is to keep the congregation informed. We will try to get this in once a month-hopefully in the newsletter.

St. John's had opening service Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. The message was God's armor.

Their school theme this year is "Walking in the Light of the Lord." It is based on John 8:12, where Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

St. John's offers Band and piano lessons starting on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> respectively.

They also offer Hot Lunch on Tuesdays, serving pizza. Two Thursdays a month they offer Hot Lunch made by volunteers of the school parents.

They will also be getting 3 students teachers starting Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. They are Laura Wessel, Mikaela Raddatz and Dawn Whiting.

With the Junior Lancer Football program (grades 5-8) here is there schedule:

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> -@ Brillion- 4:40, 5:30, 6:30.

Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> -@ Home- 4:30, 5:30, 6:30

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> -@ Mishicot- 4:30, 5:30, 6:30

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> -@ Home- 4:30, 5:30, 6:30

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> -@ Reedsville- 4:30, 5:30, 6:30

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> -@ Home (5<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>)-10:00 a.m.

### **MLHS Events**

We will be back next month.

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# Church Attendance for August



## Combined Total for Saturday/Sunday

### August 2006

**Week 1:** 32/140=172 (VBS Sang)

**Week 2:** 28/121=149

**Week 3:** 54/90=144

**Week 4:** 31/101=131

**Monthly: 596**

### August 2007

**Week 1:** 39/99=138

**Week 2:** 48/103=151

**Week 3:** 40/93=133

**Week 4:** 42/92=134

**Monthly: 556**

### August 2008

**Week 1:** 28/86=114

**Week 2:** 34/185=219

(Orabelle Fisher's B'day & VBS Sang)

**Week 3:** 42/84=126

**Week 4:** 39/76=115

**Week 5:** 34/94=128

**Monthly: 702**

### August 2009

**Week 1:** 46/75=121

**Week 2:** 25/118=143

**Week 3:** 21/66=87

**Week 4:** 26/115(Outreach Service)=141

**Week 5:** 33/93=126

**Monthly: 618**

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



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

**\*\*\*9/1 Ralph Schultz –90 yrs. young**

- 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 Andrew Krey

**\*\*\* 9/13 Agnes Lawrence-91 yrs. young**

- 9/13 Harold Luebke
- 9/14 Grace Ott
- 9/16 Tony Boardman

9/16 Eileen Pleuss

**\*\*\*9/17 Alice Schnell-88 yrs. young**

- 9/18 Gary Luckow
- 9/19 Justine Olson
- 9/20 Fred Wehausen
- 9/21 Marilee Slater
- 9/24 Jane Bushman
- 9/24 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



*Happy Anniversary To...*

- 9/1 Harold & Alice Schnell – 64 Years!
- 9/2 Damian & Jane Bushman – 31 Years!
- 9/3 Todd & Lisa Petersen – 15 Years!
- 9/4 Edward & Janet Matthias – 61 years!
- 9/5 Steve & Kim Fischer – 11 years!
- 9/5 Jay & Debbie Fitzgerald – 29 Years!
- 9/7 Eli & Betsy Kenneke – 18 Years!
- 9/9 Rick & Audrey Bratz – 14 Years!
- 9/20 John & Diane Smith – 34 Years!
- 9/23 Juel & Marie Knutson – 42 Years!
- 9/24 Vernon & Joan Jaeger – 43 Years!
- 9/24 Terry & Marilee Slater – 10 Years!

9/29 Paul & Tammie Nagel – 19 Years!

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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ushers on Schedule:** \_\_\_\_\_

September 5<sup>th</sup> Harold Bratz, Mark Kiesow

September 6<sup>th</sup> Gary Vetter, Jeff Kasten, Alex Kasten, Wayne Otto

September 12<sup>th</sup> Dave Williamson (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Peter Liermann

September 13<sup>th</sup> James Glaeser (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Brett Glaeser, Larry Hochkammer

September 19<sup>th</sup> John Smith, August Teesch

September 20<sup>th</sup> Keith Petersen, Uriah Matznick, Joseph Nagel, Jeff Tuschel

September 26<sup>th</sup> James Ott (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Derrick Krey

September 27<sup>th</sup> Gary Vetter (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), Todd Petersen, Marty Kiesow

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.

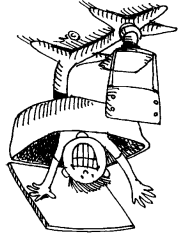
**Altar Guild: September – Group 1:**

Helen Isaacson, Elaine Petersen, Donna Nagel, Bonnie Wagner

***Our Greeters for September***



***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. In the country of the Gadarenes, where Legion was, there were kept...
  - a. Fruit Orchards
  - b. Sheep
  - c. Cattle
  - d. Pigs
  
2. Which two men were chosen by God to work on making the tabernacle in the wilderness?
  - a. Nadab & Abihu
  - b. Bezalel & Oholiab
  - c. Caleb & Joshua
  - d. Moses & Aaron
  
3. This man was called by God to be a prophet from among the “shepherds of Tekoa.”
  - a. Amos
  - b. Isaiah
  - c. Jeremiah
  - d. Jonah
  
4. In Jeremiah, Babylon’s destruction is likened to “how broken and shattered is the...of the whole earth.”
  - a. Axe
  - b. Hammer
  - c. Anvil
  - d. Sword
  
5. With which occupation is Lydia associated?
  - a. Seamstress
  - b. Weaving
  - c. Shepherdess
  - d. Selling

# Create in me a pure heart!

Psalm 51:1-12 (NIV)



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



mercy  
 unfailing  
 love  
 great

wash  
 iniquity  
 cleanse  
 evil

whiter  
 snow  
 hide  
 face

create  
 pure  
 heart  
 spirit

## Bible Memory Verse

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
 Psalm 51:10 (NIV)



# David Playing the Harp

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