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The Best of Both Worlds

Hard to believe next month is Thanksgiving Day already. But let's jump the gun a bit, for you've heard it rightly said that "everyday is a thanksgiving day for a Christian." The Lord God gives us blessings every day of the calendar year, so in that spirit let's look at one particular thing to be thankful for now – vacation destinations.

Maybe it's that most of my family is in Europe right now, but I've just been thinking recently what a blessed life God has given us here in the U.S.A. There are so many vacation options a person can have, whether you're talking a two day mini-vacation or a two week major one.

Around here you can drive less than two hours and enjoy the picturesque beauty that Illinois people gladly trek a half day's drive to enjoy, good old Door County! Travel guides herald it as the "Cape Cod of the Midwest", and if you've ever visited you probably see why. Such beautiful harbors, lots of wineries, and fancy little shops. Most of the items would break the piggy bank, but still it's fun to browse.

The Door Penninsula is just one attraction in our state. Also, there are many Northwoods getaways around here to enjoy, whether one is camping, hunting, fishing, or just eager for relaxing. One of these years, my wife and I would like to check out the other things our state has to offer. We've never been to the House on the Rock, but hear it's quite interesting. Also, many years ago our family went to New Glarus. It's an old world Swiss settlement in the very southern part of Wisconsin. If you ever visit the place, which is more than 160 years old, it's like travelling to a village in Switzerland, with little cheese shops, Swiss-style chalets, and flower boxes full of flowers in the windows all along the streets.

I'm sorry this article is sounding more like a travel guide, but I think it's cool how much there is to see. I've never been to Wisconsin Dells, but some day hope to go.

Beyond our state, Disney World in Florida is great because if you've been there years ago, you can still look forward to a new adventure. They do regular expansion by adding areas and attractions each year.

I've never been to New York or Washington D.C., but my wife Jennifer especially would like to visit these places.

Beyond our country, one world location we'd like to see – maybe decades from now, maybe never – would be New Zealand. It seems like such a lush, naturally exotic locale.

I don't know about you, but I think one of the neatest things about vacations is the planning. Deciding what hotel you will stay at, making the itinerary, scheduling each stage of fun, in other words, the *anticipation* makes travel enjoyable. Also, the excitement of visiting a new place, followed by the satisfaction of returning once again to the convenience and comfort of home.

Friends, keep fixing your eyes on our final destination, which has in store for us the thrill of a vacation and the comfort of home. **“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him” but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit’ (I Corinthians 2:9-10).**

And no earthly attraction can match the joy and rest of living with the living God in the perfect home he has prepared. Heaven will be for us the best of both worlds, on into eternity. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, who is the reason we will go there, the Lord Jesus Christ. Many thanks to his sin-conquering name!

Pastor Greg Pope



Message From The President

WE NEED NEW BLOOD

The congregation of Trinity is in need of new blood. I don't mean the red liquid pulsing through our veins. I mean new faces and people to serve on the different committees, boards and church council.

We are at election time again and are getting some negative answers to our queries of members to serve. I know there is an unspoken formula of 20/80 in synod congregations. 20% of the members do the work for the other 80% of the members. I think it is time that Trinity doesn't subscribe to this formula. There are activities for the talents of all our members. We just need the people to try when asked.

When you are asked by someone from the congregation to have your name put in nomination for an elected position or to serve on a committee, you should consider that an honor. The pastor, council, and committees do not just ask anyone. We look for the right talents for the position. If you have an interest in a particular committee or board, let pastor know.

When I say Trinity is in need of new blood I mean we are recycling the same people in different positions. That creates a stagnant congregation. We need new faces on church council with new ideas. We need new faces on committees, such as fellowship, with new ideas. This is the way Trinity will stay fresh and invigorated with new ways to reach out with the Gospel.

I am writing this article after Pastor's sermon about faith and deeds. I have been formulating this article in my mind for about a week and that sermon helped gel it all together. The fact that Christ died for our sins and our faith in that fact should create a "want" to do good deeds for the congregation.

The last reason to serve in some capacity is the friendships you will make. I was elected to the church council about two and half years after joining Trinity. I did not have very many close friends within the congregation at that time. I knew a fair amount of the members and had conversations with them but I would not call them close friends. In the seven or more years I have now served I have come to have many close friends at Trinity. I have been blest to get to know even more members of the congregation and have been having fun doing it.

John Smith, Trinity Congregational President

OCTOBER QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING

The next Quarterly Voters' meeting will be held on October 27th at 7:30 p.m. Please watch the bulletin for the location. If the church basement is available to us by that time the meeting will be held there. Otherwise the meeting will be in the church proper.

The main items at this writing are elections, Building Expansion updates, discussion pertaining to possible dedication dates, Cemetery Constitution, and board reports.

There will be informational meetings after Saturday and Sunday worship services the weekend prior to the meetings.

Please mark your calendars and we will see you then.

John Smith, Trinity Congregational President

Since our church is now on a unified budget, church council decided an explanation would help answer some of the questions that come with a unified budget. The letter comes from our Church Treasurer. Thanks Dave Williamson.

What is a unified budget?

A unified budget is made up of expenses incurred by the congregation and supported by general funds receipts. The day-to-day operating cost or congregational commitments agreed on by the voters would make up the expense side of the unified budget.

The receipt side of the unified budget is established from total amount of operating expenses and commitments agreed to by the voters of the congregation. General fund receipts would then support the budget.

What items fall under the unified budget platform?

Operating expenses such as heating, utilities, insurance and general maintenance would make up the bulk of operating expenses. Congregational commitments would be made up of WELS, MLHS, wages and benefits, congregational committees, loans or any commitment to charitable organizations where a financial commitment has been agreed to by the voters.

Do memorials get applied to a unified budget?

Memorials would not be considered general fund receipts and therefore would not be used to support the unified budget. The memorial would be dedicated to either a non - budgeted program or a special project as determined by the family. If the family wishes, the memorial could be assigned to a budgeted commitment, such as debt retirement, but would not be considered a general fund receipt.

What would fall outside the unified budget?

Door offerings, Mission Partners or any program and project not having an established commitment amount agreed to by the voters of the congregation would fall outside the unified budget process.

Will we still have dedicated funds?

There can be dedicated funds under the unified budget process, but the intent is to reduce the number of non - budgeted accounts. In most cases, unless the dedicated fund covers the cost of the project or purchase, the account will be idle until it is added to the unified budget to be supported by the congregation to complete the funding.

News from the WELS

From the office of President Mark Schroeder

You've probably heard more than once that the word "synod" means "walking together." It means walking together in what we believe (our common faith based on God's inerrant Word as summarized in our Lutheran Confessions) and walking together in what we do (carrying out our God-given mission to take the gospel to all the world). This summer's convention beautifully emphasized the many ways in which both of these aspects of walking together are vital and important in all we do as a synod.

In a number of ways, the convention emphasized the importance of walking together in what we believe. The devotions, essays, and reports all focused on how the means of grace—the gospel in Word and sacrament—are the focus and foundation of all we do. God's Word shapes our beliefs. It is proclaimed faithfully in pulpits and classrooms and in mission fields. The gospel of Jesus Christ strengthens our faith, unites us as members of God's family, and gives life to the church as the body of Christ. The convention passed resolutions encouraging a synod wide study of these precious truths—truths that sound so basic but that should never be

taken for granted. The convention also approved the establishment of a program for continuing education for called workers—not primarily as a means for them to learn new strategies or to develop practical skills, but rather as an encouragement for all called workers to continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ through continued study of his Word.

The convention also had much to say about our walking together in what we do. You are aware that some elements of our mission and ministry needed to be curtailed and reduced due to the shortage of funds. At the same time that we made these difficult reductions, we were reminded of the many opportunities that God is placing before us. Those opportunities to share the gospel with more and more people exist in our congregations, in our communities, across the country, and around the world. Difficulties we've faced in Synod budget shouldn't distract us from the simple facts that the fields are still ripe for the harvest and that God has given us the special privilege of taking his saving message to people who are still lost in their sin.

As we walk together in his Word and in our mission, we have the opportunity in the weeks ahead to recommit ourselves as a synod to faithfulness in both of these areas. When it comes to walking together in his Word, thank God for the pure gospel that is proclaimed every week in your worship. Encourage your pastors and teachers to continue to proclaim that Word faithfully and to defend it zealously. Use your Bibles at home and attend Bible classes at your church.

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom" (Colossians 3:16).

When it comes to walking together in our mission, we also have the opportunity to recommit ourselves to expanding our efforts to reach out with the gospel once again. It's been very encouraging that Congregation Mission Offerings, which had fallen in the first four months of the year, have rebounded during the last four months. This is particularly amazing because the summer months are typically times when congregations struggle to meet their budgets and to keep up with their mission commitments. We pray that this encouraging trend will continue in the months ahead, since fall is a time when most congregations have mission festivals and Walking Together Sundays. As congregations continue to faithfully grow in their support for the work of the synod, we pray that the painful reductions in mission programs and staffing are a thing of the past. We pray that we will once again be blessed with the resources to plant new mission congregations, to expand our efforts in world mission fields, and to provide greater assistance to young people who are preparing for ministry in our schools.

People who walk generally look ahead. As we walk together as a synod, let's look ahead with joy and confidence to the mission that God has given us and with a common trust that he will bless us as we carry out that mission.

Serving in Christ,
Mark Schroeder

Feedback to Pres. Schroeder's statement

Feedback to a [WELS news release](#) quoting Pres. Mark Schroeder's reaction to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) decision to allow homosexuals in "lifelong, monogamous" relationships to serve as pastors continues to flow in.

On Aug. 21, the day the ELCA church wide assembly approved the resolution, Communication Services posted Pres. Schroeder's response expressing WELS opposition based on clear biblical principles on the synod's Web site. A news release was also sent to [Religion News Service](#) for worldwide distribution.

So far, the reaction has been almost universally positive, with statements of support coming from both WELS and non-WELS members. "I appreciate your statement and share your disappointment," writes one woman from Michigan. "Thank you for posting the statement with a clear Biblical viewpoint."

"As a member of an ELCA church, I applaud you standing up for the Word of God and having the backbone to speak up and put your 8/21 letter on your Web site," writes another woman from Minnesota.

While it is impossible to gauge precisely how widely published Schroeder's comments were, the news release was printed virtually verbatim on more than a dozen blogs. Schroeder's comments were quoted in an MSNBC.com article (link no longer available) on the reaction to the ELCA decision from both WELS and the Lutheran Church —Missouri Synod. Below is a sampling of posts.

Christian Today: [Lutheran bodies reaffirm Bible's stance on homosexuality](#)

Everyday Christian: [Wisconsin's Lutheran chief regrets ELCA decision on gay clergy](#)

Pastors gather for seminary symposium

Almost 400 men are gathering at [Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary](#), Mequon, Wis., Sept. 21-22 for the 2009 Symposium on Congregational Health. This is the tenth annual symposium hosted by the seminary for the continuing education of WELS pastors. Other topics have included Holy Baptism, Christian Vocation, and Christian Stewardship.

"The symposium provides a common space where veteran pastors, seminary students, and professors can meet together every year to work through contemporary issues facing the church," explains Rev. Paul Wendland, seminary president.

Rev. James Backus, St. John's, Florence, Wis., has attended seven of the symposiums. He says, "It sounds funny, but my schedule makes it a constant struggle to keep growing in my studies of Scripture. The symposium is a quick, affordable way to take back some of my time and keep my priorities where the Lord wants them."

Three parish pastors are presenting papers at the symposium—Rev. David Kolander, Christ the Lord, Brookfield, Wis., on "God's Bible Men Assess Congregational Health"; Rev. Thomas Kock, Living Word, Gray, Tenn., on "21st Century Pastors Address Congregational Health"; and Rev. Kenneth Fisher, Risen Savior, Milwaukee, on "Brothers in Ministry Arrange for Congregational Health." Seminary professors Paul Zell, Richard Gurgel, and James Tiefel will provide reactions to the essays, and attendees can ask the authors questions about their papers.

Wendland notes, "When congregational health suffers, the mission of the church is compromised and souls within and outside the church suffer. The three essays this year will help us give a biblical and Lutheran answer as to how we evaluate congregational 'wellness' and treat 'illness.' "

BME school enrollment remains stable

Enrollment at WELS' four ministerial education schools remains stable for the 2009-2010 school year with a net decrease of 12 students from last school year for the entire three-tier, four-school system.

Although the number of students overall at the two preparatory high schools—Luther Preparatory School (LPS), Watertown, Wis., and Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS), Saginaw, Mich.—increased by 3, Rev. Paul Prange, administrator of the Board for Ministerial Education, says that according to the BME's projections, WELS doesn't have enough students in the ministerial education system to cover the synod's pastoral needs 8 to 12 years in the future.

In response, the recruitment offices at the schools are increasing contact with congregations and elementary schools while trying to coordinate travel to keep costs down. Materials for a Ministerial Education Sunday that will raise awareness and highlight the value of the three-tier system will be sent to all congregations in October.

Also in October, the Board for Ministerial Education will begin a careful study of tuition and fees as well as financial assistance offered at each of the schools, with the goal, says Prange, of

putting together a financial philosophy that will help students graduate without educational debt.

Prange also notes that although enrollment in the traditional undergraduate program at Martin Luther College (MLC) is down slightly, participation in other areas—including the master's program, part-time undergraduate work, and professional growth opportunities—is on the rise. "MLC is working hard to offer training in ministry that goes beyond its traditional four-year, undergraduate education for pastors, teachers, and staff ministers," he says. All of these goals are in step with resolutions passed at the 2009 synod convention this past summer.

MLS calls new president

On Sept. 16, the governing board of Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS), Saginaw, called Rev. Michael Jensen as the school's new president. Jensen currently serves as education, youth, and family pastor at St. Mark's, Watertown, Wis.

"I support worker training, pray for it, and support it in every way I can," Jensen says. "Now to be asked to be part of it on a daily basis, well, it's a privilege even to consider such a thing."

A 1992 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Jensen also has served at St. Mark, Green Bay, Wis., and Our Savior's, East Brunswick, N.J. In each congregation, he has always worked closely with the school. "A congregation that is blessed with a school really is blessed," he says.

The position of president at Michigan Lutheran Seminary became vacant in April when former MLS president Rev. Paul Prange accepted the call to be administrator of the Board for Ministerial Education. Rev. Jonathan Schroeder and Rev. Earle Treptow have already returned calls to serve in this position.

"Whether I end up serving at MLS or not, we all need to treasure the [ministerial education] system, work hard to maintain it and make it better, and support it with our prayers and offerings so that we have workers who can go out into the mission fields, and into the congregations, and into the classrooms," says Jensen.

Tornado aftermath

Pilgrim, Minneapolis, Minn., is reaching out in its community following a tornado on Aug. 19. The tornado struck six blocks from the church but did not harm Pilgrim's property. However, many homes and cars in the area did suffer severe damage. There was no loss of life.

Scott Gostchock, director of Christian development at Pilgrim's church and school, explains that Pilgrim is located in an urban center of Minneapolis and serves a diverse population that includes Native Americans, Hispanics, Hmong, Northern Europeans, and many other ethnic groups. The school is predominantly an outreach tool, with more than 30 people baptized over the past two years, most of whom came to Pilgrim because of its school.

After the tornado, Pilgrim discovered that much of the property damage was covered by insurance. However, neighbors were concerned about how they would pay their insurance deductibles. That is when Gostchock contacted [WELS Committee on Relief](#), which responded by granting Pilgrim \$10,000 to help community members recover from the tornado.

Members of Pilgrim are now canvassing the neighborhood on weeknights and weekends to find those who need help. Gostchock says that they share God's love with their neighbors, invite them to worship, and let them know that Pilgrim is there to help. So far Pilgrim has identified 11 families who will receive financial aid. Pilgrim is also helping neighbors by clearing trees that have fallen and providing general cleanup services.

"Our neighbors are joining us in praising God for his greatness as we share our resources with them," says Gostchock. "It is very overwhelming to be able to help, and God is getting the glory for that. This is how God works through what we might perceive to be terrible things."

The Bible-Book of Jeremiah

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

THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

We know more about the life of Jeremiah than of any of the other Old Testament prophets. He was born in Anathoth, a village about four miles northeast of Jerusalem, the son of Hilkiah, a priest at Anathoth. He was called by God to be a prophet in the 13th year of the reign of King Josiah of Judah; this would be 627 B.C. This means that he prophesied about 100 years after Isaiah. Jeremiah says that he was only a "child" when he was called by God. Perhaps this means that he was a young man of about 20 years. His ministry continued until after the destruction of Jerusalem in 587 B.C. He preached for more than 40 years. His ministry was carried on during the reigns of five kings of Judah: Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehiakim, Jehoiachin, and Zedekiah. For most of his career, Jeremiah prophesied in Jerusalem, but later he was carried off to Egypt where he probably died.

THE TIMES AND MESSAGE OF JEREMIAH

The power of Assyria was failing when Jeremiah began to preach God's message to Judah. The new superpower was Babylon. Babylon became God's agent to carry out his judgment on Judah during Jeremiah's time, just as he had used Assyria to judge the Northern Kingdom of Israel in Isaiah's time. When Jeremiah began his work, it looked like there was some hope for a religious renewal in Judah. King Josiah was a good king who tried to put an end to idolatry in Judah. But there were no lasting results from his reform. The four kings that followed Josiah were all wicked. Idolatry and all the evil things that go with it flourished. There were even human sacrifices to Baal and Molech (19:5; 32:35). In spite of the sins of Judah, God did not immediately judge his wicked people. He sent his prophet Jeremiah **"to uproot and tear down"** but also **"to build and to plant."** (1:10). In strong law terms, Jeremiah threatened certain destruction for Judah if there was no repentance, but in beautiful gospel terms, he promised God's grace and deliverance to those who would remain faithful to God. He pointed forward to God's "new covenant" that he would make through Christ when he would **"forgive their wickedness and ... remember their sins no more"** (chap. 31). How did the people receive Jeremiah's words? With hard hearts and contempt. The people of his own hometown of Anathoth said to him: **"Do not prophesy in the name of the Lord or you will die by our hands"** (11:21). The priests, the other prophets, and all the other people of Judah likewise threatened him and said: **"You must die!"** (26:8). When Jeremiah had Baruch, his scribe, write all the words of prophesy which God had given, wicked King Jehoiakim burned the scroll on which they were written. Jeremiah had enemies on all sides for speaking God's word faithfully, and yet he continued in his God-given call as a prophet. He is an excellent example for all church workers to be faithful in their call no matter how much opposition they may have. God had told Jeremiah: **"Let the one who has my word speak it faithfully"** (23:28). And he did it. When it was clear that the people would never listen to the faithful prophet, God let his judgment fall **"like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces"** (23:29). King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon smashed Judah, destroyed Jerusalem, and the Babylonian Captivity began. Nebuchadnezzar spared Jeremiah and allowed him to remain in Jerusalem. But still his troubles were not over. He was later carried off to Egypt by his own people, who had not repented even in the face of God's judgment. Jeremiah is often called "the weeping prophet." He obviously had much to weep about in that unhappy and wicked period of Judah's history.

HISTORICAL FACTS RELATED TO THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

(The five kings of Judah during Jeremiah's career are underlined.) King Josiah rules from 640-608 B.C. He is a good king and tries to reform Judah. Jeremiah is called by God in the 13th year of Josiah's reign, that is 627 B.C. The Assyrian capital of Nineveh falls to Babylon in 612 B.C. Babylon becomes the world superpower replacing Assyria. Jehozhaz, son of Josiah, becomes king in 608 B.C. at his father's death. He rules for just three months and is deported to Egypt by Pharaoh

Necho. Jehoiakim, brother of Jehoahaz, becomes king in 608 B.C. and reigns until 597 B.C. He is very wicked, opposes Jeremiah, and burns his writings. In 605 B.C. Babylon crushes Egypt at the Battle of Carchemish under Nebuchadnezzar. Also in 605 B.C. Jerusalem falls to Nebuchadnezzar and a few Jews, including Daniel, are deported to Babylon. Jehoiachin, son of Joheiakim, becomes king in 597 B.C. But after just three months he is carried off to Babylon, as Jeremiah prophesied. Zedekiah is appointed king of Judah by Nebuchadnezzar and rules from 597-586 B.C. When Zedekiah rebels against Babylon, the Babylonians come to destroy Jerusalem. Zedekiah is blinded and taken in chains to Babylon. Jeremiah is allowed to remain in Jerusalem. Gedaliah is made governor over the small group of Jews that remain in Jerusalem. When Gedaliah is assassinated, the Jews flee to Egypt and force Jeremiah to go with them. He dies while in Egypt. THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH The 52 chapters of the Book of Jeremiah contain prophetic sermons, autobiographical material (material about Jeremiah's life), and historical material. Chapter 36 gives us some interesting information on how a prophet's preachings became recorded into book form. Jeremiah had a scribe named Baruch who wrote down the prophesies of Jeremiah. What Baruch wrote down would no doubt be the first part of our present Book of Jeremiah. Jeremiah added to this later. This was the human part involved in the writing of the book. In the whole process the Spirit was directing and causing his thoughts and words to be recorded. When reading the Book of Jeremiah, we should remember that the various parts are not arranged according to the proper order of events; that is, the book is not chronologically arranged. Events during the life of a later king are sometimes related before events in the life of an earlier king.

GENERAL OUTLINE FOR JEREMIAH:

Prophecies Against Judah and Jerusalem (1-45) (Included is autobiographical material about Jeremiah)

Prophecies Against Foreign Nations (46-51)

An Historical Appendix (Addition) (52) (telling of the fall of Jerusalem)

SPECIAL SECTIONS FROM JEREMIAH:

Read Chapter 1 to learn of Jeremiah's call. As an example of Jeremiah's prophetic threats to Judah, read [Jeremiah 4:5-9]. Read [Jeremiah 7:1-11] as an example of his sermons uncovering hypocrisy. Read [Jeremiah 18:1-12] as an example of a "dramatic parable" or "object lesson." See Chapter 46 as an example of Jeremiah's prophecies against a foreign nation. Read [Jeremiah 23:5-6] and [Jeremiah 31:31-34] as examples of beautiful Messianic prophecies from Jeremiah.



Remember Bible Class on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., we are studying Hebrews 11-Hebrews of the Faith. We meet twice a month for this session, the next session being October 8th.

Also in the Sunday morning class at 8:15 a.m., we are finishing the Book of Proverbs. Please note all Bible classes will be meeting in church until further notice.

Announcements

Sunday School

We welcomed 24 students to Sunday school. The curriculum we follow is Growing In Christ Light. Every week, students hear the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection in every lesson and are exposed to a substantial scope of Bible stories at all age levels. On Sunday Oct. 11th grades K-3 will be singing in worship.

Youth Group

The Youth Group had their last Highway Cleanup for the year on Saturday - October 3 at 10:00 AM. A Big Thank You to all those that helped keep God's highway clean! After the cleanup, they had lunch and a short meeting to plan a fun activity for the month of October and to elect officers for the year.

We are making plans for this year's Christmas at Sinawa. The theme this year is "Jesus the Perfect Gift is Priceless". We are planning on decorating the cabin as a living room with a tree that has the presents under it opened already. Grandma and Grandpa will be sitting on rocking chairs reading "The Christmas Story" to some kids sitting on the floor. There will be two "gifts" at the door handing out candy canes. We will be setting work dates soon, so watch the bulletins and emails for when these will be.

Trinity Ladies Circle

The Trinity Ladies' Circle held their last meeting on Tuesday, September 22. We held a discussion on fellowship and, after our business meeting, chose "Tending Roses" (by Lisa Wingate) for our next book discussion. Because of the various items we have on our agenda for the next few months, our next book discussion will take place in January. Please contact Dianne Schultz if you would like her to purchase a copy of the book for you.

Our next meeting is planned for October 27, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. The topic for our discussion will be "witnessing at work." Everyone should keep this in mind during the next few weeks and bring any thoughts or questions they may have to share with Pastor Pope and the others at our meeting. We plan to adjourn early enough so that those who are interested may attend the voters' meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Thanks to those who have been coming to our meetings. At each meeting, Pastor Pope enlightens us with God's Word on our discussion topic and then we discuss how the topic affects us in our daily lives. We usually have 12 to 15 people in attendance and our discussions have been extremely informative and enjoyable. All ladies of the congregation are invited and encouraged to join us!

Choir

Choir will be meeting every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m., due to Bible class being on the opposite Thursdays. Here is a tentative schedule for the next several months. So please come and join us!

Oct.15	Dec.10
Oct.29	Dec.13 (1/2 hr. after church)
Nov.12	Dec.20 (1/2 hr. after church)
Nov.22 (1/2 hr. after church)	

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.

A Reminder

To all church boards, committees, groups or Sunday school if you have items to be copied please drop them off or e-mail them to the church office so the church secretary can copy them. This is to avoid any problems with the copier and wasted paper. The church office hours are Monday thru Friday 8-12. Thank you!

A Note from The Lutheran Home Association

Do you have a vehicle you no longer want or need? Please consider donating it to The Lutheran Home association (TLHA) to support its Jesus Cares Ministries (JCM), a gospel outreach program for individuals with developmental disabilities. Your donated vehicle will be sold and the proceeds will be used to fund JCM or used in services that require transportation. Drivable vehicles in good running condition, with no maximum mileage limit, are accepted. For more information, e-mail info@tlha.org or call toll free 1-800-600- 8542.

News from St. John's

Student teachers from Martin Luther College are with us from September 14 – November 13. Here are their names and assignments. Laura Wessel- 3rd Grade: Miss Kurtzweg/Mr. Wisniewski, Mikaela Raddatz- 5th & 6th Grades: Mr. Strieter, Dawn Whiting -7th & 8th Grades: Mr. Bitter/Mr. Wisniewski. Thank you to Denise and Gary Schrank, Marlene and Al Pleuss, and Julie and Peter Nass for serving as host families.

Students in 3rd – 8th grades are participating with other WELS schools in taking standardized tests next week. WELS schools use the *Terra Nova* testing service. Standardized tests provide one view of student achievement. Together with classroom performance and teacher observations, they are useful in making adjustments to meet both whole class and individual student needs. We expect to receive score reports in December.

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

Oct.6th -@ Home- 4:30, 5:30, 6:30

Oct.13th -@ Reedsville- 4:30, 5:30, 6:30

Oct.24th -@ Home (5th –6th)-10:00 a.m.

Concert at St. John's, Maribel

Koine is putting on a concert at St. John's, Maribel on October 10th. They will have evening worship at 6:00 p.m. and the concert is to follow. If you remember, Koine is made up of 5 WELS members who play old hymns with a new style. This is not your average "contemporary " band. If you have any questions, please call 920-863-2850.

October is Crime Prevention Month

So with that in mind, Manitowoc County will be having their crime prevention day October 24th, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Manitowoc Cty. Expo Grounds. They will have various activities and different booths set up for information. They will also have the drug collection again. If you have any unwanted medications you need to get rid of this is the time to do it. They will take prescription medications, over- the – counter, controlled substances, illegal street drugs or pet medications. They ask that you keep items in the original containers, do not mix medications, block out personal information, but keep the name of the medication visible.

MLHS Events

Sat 10/17 Grade School Volleyball Tourney @ MLHS

Sun 10/25 MLHS Fall Concert; 7pm

Visit our website at www.mlhslancers.com!

****Raise money for MLHS just by searching the Internet with GoodSearch - www.goodsearch.com - powered by Yahoo!**

Church Attendance for September



Combined Total for Saturday/Sunday

September 2006

Week 1: 29/88=117

Week 2: 45/85=135

Week 3: 27/86=113

Week 4: 36/47=83

Monthly: 448

September 2007

Week 1: 39/83=122

Week 2: 42/101=143

Week 3: 31/88=119

Week 4: 24/154=178

Week 5: 21/120=141

Monthly: 703

September 2008

Week 1: 30/104=134

Week 2: 48/111=159

Week 3: 35/102=137

Week 4: 28/111=139

Monthly: 569

September 2009

Week 1: 46/92=138

Week 2: 37/140=177

Week 3: 29/86=115

Week 4: 49/134=183

Monthly: 613

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

John 4:24



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

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|---|------------------------|
| 10/1 Lindsay Glaeser | 10/10 Keith Olm |
| ***10/1 Gertrude Haupt-92 yrs. young | 10/11 Helen Isaacson |
| 10/2 Joseph Nagel | 10/13 August Teesch |
| 10/4 Alex Hackmann | 10/18 Jennifer Ott |
| 10/5 Samantha Ott | 10/19 Jennifer Knutson |
| 10/6 Lisa Otto | 10/23 Tara Mellstrom |
| 10/7 Michael Enders | 10/23 Aubrey Schleis |
| 10/7 Faith Knutson | 10/31 Megan Bushman |
| 10/8 Mark Otto | 10/31 Juel Knutson |
| 10/8 Keith Petersen | |
| 10/9 Gary Vetter | |



Happy Anniversary To...

- 10/3 Earl & Lois Glaeser – 50 Years!
- 10/8 Michael & Sarah Hackmann – 4 Years!
- 10/10 Brian & Carol Glaeser – 17 Years!
- 10/10 Ed & Myrt Vetter – 10 Years!
- 10/11 Greg & Lori Schleis – 13 Years!
- 10/13 Walter & Gloria Kiesow – 58 Years!
- 10/14 Jim & Grace Ott – 42 Years!
- 10/16 David & Tara Mellstrom – 10 Years!
- 10/22 Fred & Janice Wehausen – 49 Years
- 10/23 Marty & Lisa Kiesow – 16 Years!
- 10/25 Fred & Darlene Schnell – 40 Years!
- 10/27 Leon & Linda Wallander – 25 Years!

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

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Ushers on Schedule:</u>
October 3 rd	James Glaeser, Mike Kiesow
October 4 th	Keith Petersen, Jeff Kasten, Alex Kasten, Dan Knutson
October 10 th	Dave Williamson (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Steve Pleuss
October 11 th	John Smith (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), Wayne Otto, Joseph Nagel
October 17 th	Harold Bratz, Mark Kiesow
October 18 th	David Schultz, Len Arnold, Jeff Tuschel, Marty Kiesow
October 24 th	James Ott (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Peter Liermann
October 25 th	Gary Vetter (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Uriah Matznick, Brett Glaeser
October 31 st	Harold Bratz, August Teesch
November 1 st	David Schultz, Larry Hochkammer, Todd Petersen, Dan Knutson

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: October – Group 2:

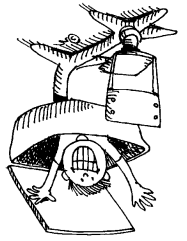
Elizabeth Otto, Lois Glaeser, Sharon Arnold, Mary Liermann

Our Greeters for October



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 – “Parents”

1. She was the mother of all living.
 - a. Rachel
 - b. Eve
 - c. Isis
 - d. Jennifer

2. Ishmael's mother was from this country.
 - a. Moab
 - b. Eglon
 - c. Syria
 - d. Egypt

3. She was Jacob's mother.
 - a. Rebekah
 - b. Rachel
 - c. Sarah
 - d. Leah

4. The 12 sons of Israel were born to this many mothers.
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. 4

5. Who was the mother of Ephraim and Manasseh?
 - a. Asenath
 - b. Rachel
 - c. Leah
 - d. Bilha

Answers: 1.) **b** [Genesis 3:20] 2.) **d** [Genesis 16:1-2] 3.) **a** [Genesis 25:26] 4.) **d** [Genesis 29:31,30:22] 5.) **a** [Genesis 41:45,48:1]

Books of the Bible-New Testament

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

ACTS
EPHESIANS
JAMES
LUKE
PETER
REVELATION
TITUS

COLOSSIANS
GALATIANS
JOHN
MARK
PHILEMON
ROMANS
THESSALONIANS

CORINTHIANS
HEBREWS
JUDE
MATTHEW
PHILIPPIANS
TIMOTHY

Which Book of the Bible was not listed in the puzzle?



In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

