



The Messenger

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What Life is About

This week was a difficult but encouraging one for our church. We had the concert by WELS musician Chris Driesbach on Tuesday, and we mourned the death of our young member Andy Reindl and had his funeral on Wednesday.

I think of these events together – God’s grace in Jesus overcoming human hardship.

Andy Reindl will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Our hearts extend to the Reindl family, but we also rejoice in God’s grace, shown most clearly in times of suffering. Andy was a sinner like us, but he also believed that Jesus had died for him, and had forgiven him for all of his sins. Andy’s kindness and generosity in his life demonstrated the Holy Spirit’s work in his heart. His outspoken faith was a great testimony to other young people which we pray will make an ongoing impact.

Like the Reindl family, our best joy is looking forward – to Christ Jesus’ promise of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Jesus soothes the Reindls and our whole church family with this pledge. **“I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me will live even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”** (John 11).

Chris Driesbach at the concert spoke about how he was a hardened unbeliever, an atheist, well into adulthood. But the persistent work of a WELS pastor who happened to be his next-door neighbor changed everything. Chris said at first he wanted to argue with the pastor, but the pastor just kept guiding the discussion back to God’s Word, where the Holy Spirit finally changed Chris’ heart of stone to a heart of faith.

Don’t we just see it? There’s nothing greater in life than the forgiveness of sins in Christ, as we witness to it and fix our eyes on our heavenly hope.

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Message From The President

September already, how quickly it arrived. With a “not so special” June, summer went too quickly.

Our Tuesday night services should be considered a success. I have been approached by members that will truly miss this option. If you look at the attendance figures that appear regularly in the newsletter, you will see that attendance has risen during the summer months, other than a bit of a dip in August. Please let your council members know your feelings and/or concerns regarding this special summer service.

On another subject, I trust you all noticed the wonderful job that Ron Kasten did and Jeff Kasten did repairing the large parking lot. The trench was cemented rather than blacktopped in order to save funds. Time allowing, the same will be done for the parking lot on the north side of Wehausen road. Please convey your thanks and appreciation.

Gary Vetter, Trinity Congregational President

News from the WELS

From the office of President Mark Schroeder

Translation Feasibility Committee appointed

The publishers of the New International Version of the Bible have produced a revision of the 1984 version (NIV1984) currently used in our synod. The NIV1984 will no longer be published and will soon become unavailable for purchase. And while it will still be possible to use quotations from the NIV1984, any publications making extensive use of the NIV will only be permitted to use the new version (NIV2011). That has made it necessary for our synod to make a decision regarding which translation will be used in its publication.

The synod does not choose an “official” or “recommended” translation for use by congregations. A translation does, however, become more or less “official” when it is used in the three major types of publications (hymnal, catechism, and Bible history/Sunday school materials). This means that the choice of a translation for publications takes on great significance, since the translation used in those major publications will, through usage and by default, be adopted by the vast majority of WELS congregations for the next generation or two.

In 2010 the Translation Evaluation Committee (TEC) was appointed by the Conference of Presidents to evaluate the NIV2011 and other available translations and to report its initial conclusions to the 2011 synod convention. The purpose of this evaluation was to determine which, if any, existing translations would be suitable for use in our synod.

The TEC brought its initial findings to the 2011 convention as requested, reporting that it had reached a preliminary conclusion. The committee reported that the NIV2011 contained both positive

and negative changes. After weighing those changes, it reported that it had reached consensus within the committee that, while some of the changes were not positive ones, they were not sufficient to prevent the NIV2011 from being adopted for use in our synod. The committee concluded that, while not perfect, the NIV2011 was the best and most suitable translation for use in WELS.

This report was received by the convention delegates with expressions of thanks for the committee's work. Some delegates voiced support for the conclusions; others expressed concern about some of the translation choices in the NIV2011, particularly in areas involving gender-inclusive language and messianic prophecy. After extensive discussion, the convention directed the committee to continue its work of evaluation and to lead continuing discussions regarding translation issues. It resolved that a final decision on translations should be made by a 2/3 plurality vote at the district conventions in 2012.

The convention recognized the importance of the translation issue in a church body that is committed to the Scriptures as the inspired, inerrant Word of God. The decision made in the coming year will impact our congregations and members for a generation or more. Because of a desire to strive for the very best possible translation, suggestions were made that we should consider the option of producing a new or revised translation if it would result in a translation that is more suitable than others now available. For that reason, the convention also directed that a committee should be appointed to study the feasibility of producing either an entirely new translation or a new revision of one or more existing translations. The committee was also asked to consider the feasibility of producing a study Bible if the NIV2011 is chosen.

The Translation Feasibility Committee has now been appointed. Committee members are Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary professors John Brug and Daniel Leyrer; pastors Phil Hirsch, Michael Jensen, John Koelpin, Jonathan Schroeder, and Paul Janke; and Northwestern Publishing House editor Curtis Jahn. In considering this option, the committee will address the questions such as our ability to produce a quality translation; the costs, time, and manpower involved; and the process by which such an effort could be carried out. The committee will bring its conclusions and recommendations to the district conventions in the summer of 2012.

Serving in Christ,
Mark Schroeder
President

9/11 commemoration at New York mission

Sure Foundation, the WELS mission in New York City, is planning to reach out to its Queens neighborhood through a special service to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the events on Sept. 11, 2001.

The service of remembrance will be held Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m., a time selected to correspond with the tragedy, and will be conducted in both English and Spanish to accommodate the multicultural neighborhood. After the service, which will include prayer and moments of silence, the congregation will honor New York firefighters and then hear from one of them about his work in New York City.

Rev. Timothy Bourman of Sure Foundation says he sees this service as a huge outreach opportunity to the neighborhood, because everyone, Christians and non-Christians alike, experienced the events 10 years ago.

"That's the main reason we wanted to make this an event. We want to be able to talk about sacrifice, and we want to be able to talk about how to deal with fear, and we want to talk about how God's grace intersects with tragedy, and we ultimately want to talk about Jesus' sacrifice for us and how he served us," says Bourman.

Bourman, who has been serving the congregation for three years, says ten years might seem like a long time ago to those not in New York, but that fear is still prevalent for New Yorkers. "I find it really intimidating to even remember it, because it's just so raw for everyone around here," he says. Sure Foundation member Hope Meyer has lived in New York City since 2000. She says, "It's important to honor what happened and to honor the families that were affected by it, but it's more important to honor what came afterward and what sparked a real mission-mindedness at [Sure Foundation]."

She said the events of Sept. 11, 2001, helped shape the mission statement of Sure Foundation. "Our mission at the church is to reach people at such a level that is showing them that they can be content with whatever happens when they have Jesus Christ in their lives." She says many New Yorkers still live with daily fear.

Sure Foundation was started in 2000; it currently has about 100 members and serves 150 to 200 souls. Bourman hopes for and anticipates overflow attendance at the church's storefront facility for the special service.

Prep school enrollments up

The 2011-12 academic year has begun at all four of the synod-funded schools, and while initial enrollments at Martin Luther College (MLC) and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS) are down slightly from a year ago, they are up at both Luther Preparatory School (LPS) and Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS).

Preliminary numbers at LPS show enrollment this year is 403, up from 360 a year ago. At MLS, initial enrollment is 228, up from 195 a year ago. "This bodes well for the future," says Rev. Paul Prange, administrator for Ministerial Education. "Increased enrollments at the prep schools lead to increased enrollments at MLC and WLS, especially in the harder recruitment areas—pastor track and male teachers."

One added staff position across all four schools includes the new lead teacher for the early childhood center at MLC. Jennifer Mehlberg, former director of the early childhood ministry at Crown of Life in Ft. Myers, Fla., was called to oversee 24 early childhood student teachers at the center in New Ulm, Minn., a role that had been filled by two other faculty members at MLC. David Wendler, vice president for academics, compares the call to that of an elementary classroom teacher supervising the work of student teachers.

"Just as an increasing number of congregations have seen the opportunities of early childhood ministry," Wendler says, "so we at MLC are very cognizant that we need to supply an increasing number of early childhood teachers."

Milestone for new mission congregation

Eternal Rock, Castle Rock, Colo., one of two home missions established in 2010, will be starting weekly worship services on Sept. 11.

"After over a year, it is pretty exciting to have an event where the gospel is proclaimed, where we will see each other weekly, and where we will have something specific to invite our friends to," says Rev. Jared Oldenburg, pastor at Eternal Rock.

Oldenburg arrived in Castle Rock in July 2010. He says that although it was hard not starting weekly services right away, waiting is important. "It allows me to get to know the community; make some connections in the neighborhood; set up some of the administration and nuts and bolts items like logo, Web site, etc.; plan out the year; and focus on building up leaders and a team."

Oldenburg started Sunday night monthly services in May at a rented church. He says that the services have had between 35 and 70 people at worship, with 6 to 20 being prospects. The weekly worship service will be held at a new location, Castle Rock Middle School—a place, Oldenburg says, that is well known and can seat more than 300 people. "I also like the idea of a school because it is a natural place for us to serve our community," he says.

Oldenburg says laypeople are key to future outreach plans. "We are encouraging our members to be the best neighbor their neighbor has ever had—essentially building bridges," he says. "Then,

Lord willing, that relationship may lead to invitations to a church they are excited about." Meanwhile, he says, "we are doing our best to offer the best worship that we can in a way that proclaims Jesus clearly."

Reaching out by cleaning up in Joplin

A group of WELS Christian Aid and Relief volunteers wrapped up an 11-day trip to Joplin, Mo., to assist in the continuing clean-up efforts after a tornado raged through the city of about 50,000 in May. During those 11 days in mid-August, a total of 21 WELS and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) volunteers went to Joplin to help.

The volunteers worked with Faith Lutheran (ELS) in nearby Carthage, Mo. While Faith did have a few members affected by this summer's tornado, Wendy Wright, volunteer coordinator at the church, says most of the effort went to helping any area resident in need.

"I think God wants us to reach out to everyone. In a devastating tornado like this, it touches everyone; it's not just the poor, it's not just the destitute, it's not just the unchurched, it's not just the churched. It is everyone who has a need," says Wright. "It's a basic human need to reach out and touch others and show the love of Christ to others in your community. It's been a blessing to us."

Work was coordinated by the federal group AmeriCorps and included removing debris from home sites that had been demolished and cutting and removing fallen trees. Aaron Frink, a volunteer from Madison, Wis., says, "I love working down here as a volunteer. Even though they had us doing stuff from cleaning houses to sorting bricks or carrying lumber, it's a chance to help out. I came down without any expectation of what I would be doing, but I'm just really glad to be helping in any way that I can."

Mark Vance, Christian Aid and Relief director of operations, says, "Whether it's WELS, ELS or anything, in any disaster relief situation, it's obviously important to bridge to the gospel. That's really the only reason we do the work we do. Obviously yes, we want to help with physical needs, but physical needs are not what are going to get people to heaven."

He continues, "We're here because of what Christ did on the cross for us. It's that motivation that we want to share the work that we've done with you in hopes that you understand your Lord and Savior is the one that's going to take you through this."

Be sure to watch a video recap of the relief efforts in Joplin in the latest edition of "Life Line" on the Christian Aid and Relief Web site. Watch as WELS volunteers help reunite a tornado victim with personal effects – missing for about three months.

To receive more information on the WELS, please go to their web-site, www.wels.net. Here you will find the Forward in Christ, daily devotions and other information pertaining to the WELS.

The Bible-The Book of Acts

This month's part of the Bible focus is a look at the Book of Acts.

THE BOOK'S TITLE

The author of Acts perhaps did not put a title at the beginning of his book. But one early copy of the book gives it the title "Acts," meaning "accomplishments" or "works." Whose acts or accomplishments are referred in the title? "The Acts of the Apostles" is one answer to the question. In fact some early copies give the book that more complete title. The Book of Acts indeed tells of the acts of the Apostles Peter and Paul and others. But a more accurate title of the book would be "The Acts of the Holy Spirit." It is the Spirit's work that the book relates. The Holy Spirit is mentioned directly in the book about 70 times. It is the Spirit who caused the church to grow through the Gospel of Christ. It is the Spirit who made Peter and Paul and the others bold to witness of Christ. It is the Spirit who caused the book's human author to write of His work in the infant years of the Church. "The Acts of the Holy Spirit" would therefore be a fitting title for the fifth book of the New Testament.

THE AUTHOR OF ACTS

We have already discussed the authorship of Acts in connection with the Gospel of Luke. It is commonly accepted that Luke, the doctor, is the author of Acts as well as the third Gospel. From the "we sections" of Acts we know that Luke was an eyewitness of many of the events he relates. He was with Paul at Philippi (ch.16); he accompanied Paul to Jerusalem (chs. 20-21); he sailed with Paul on the shipwrecked voyage to Rome (chs.27-28). The events that he did not witness himself he had opportunity to hear about first-hand from Paul, Barnabas and the other church leaders. We can be sure that he "carefully investigated everything" before he recorded it in Acts, just as he did before writing his Gospel [Luke 1:3].

WHERE, WHEN, AND TO WHOM WRITTEN?

The place of writing is not mentioned in Acts, but many scholars think the book was written in Rome. Acts ends with Paul awaiting trial in Rome. Since this is told in one of the "we sections," Luke was with him in Rome. This may suggest that Luke wrote Acts while still in Rome. Acts was probably written about 61-63 A.D. These are the approximate years of Paul's Roman imprisonment while awaiting trial as told in the last chapter of Acts. The sudden ending of the book makes it sound like the book was written at the end of his imprisonment. Acts, like Luke's Gospel, was written first to Theophilus. It was probably intended first for Gentile readers.

SOME SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF ACTS

1.The work of the Holy Spirit is stressed in Acts. Jesus' words in 1:8 already prepare us for this emphasis on the Spirit's work in Acts: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..." Pentecost, the Holy Spirit's great day, is told of in ch. 2. It is the Spirit who fills the disciples and makes them able to witness (4:8; 13:9 etc.). It is the Spirit who causes the young Church to grow by creating faith in hearts (2:47). It is the Spirit who chooses men for His work (13:2). It is the Spirit who continuously guides the Church (15:28; 16:6-10). 2.The Book of Acts is all about mission work. One of its main purposes is to tell how the Christian Church grew from a small group of Jewish believers in Jerusalem into a world-wide Church. 3.The Book of Acts contains many speeches. Many of the speeches are sermons telling the Good News of Christ and urging faith in him. Others are speeches defending the Christian faith. It is important to notice that the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is often the main theme of these speeches. Without his resurrection, the apostles would have nothing worth talking about.

A THEME AND GENERAL OUTLINE FOR ACTS

Theme: "THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH THE APOSTLES" 1. In Jerusalem (1-7) 2. In Judea and Samaria (8-12) 3. Around the Mediterranean world (13-28) Notice that this theme and outline is derived from Jesus' words in 1:8.

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE CONTENTS OF ACTS

The Book of Acts covers a period of about 30 years, from the Ascension of Jesus to Paul's imprisonment in Rome. This would be about 30-63 A.D.

1. IN JERUSALEM (1-7)

Luke first summarizes what he wrote in his Gospel. The disciples wait for the coming of the Spirit and choose Matthias as the successor Judas. The Holy Spirit is poured out on Pentecost. After Peter's Pentecost sermon, the "mustard seed" Church begins its growth. A crippled beggar is healed by Peter. The Sanhedrin tries to stop Peter and John from teaching in the name of Jesus. But the young Church prospers. The Church is generous in its giving, but Ananias and Saphira lie to the Holy Spirit. The Apostles heal many. When they are persecuted for preaching of Christ, they are happy to be considered worthy of suffering for their Savior. They never stop telling the Good News that Jesus is the Christ. Seven special men are chosen to help distribute food to the poor. One of them, Stephen, is seized and stoned to death. He becomes the first Christian martyr. A young enemy of the Church named Saul is present at the stoning of Stephen.

2. IN JUDEA AND SAMARIA (8-12)

Because of the persecution of Christians in Jerusalem, many of them scatter throughout Judea and Samaria. This helps the Church to grow. Saul works at destroying the Church. Philip proclaims Christ in Samaria and later to an Ethiopian in the south. Miraculously, Saul is converted to Christ when he is on his way to Damascus to imprison Christians. The former enemy of the Church begins to speak boldly about his new-found Savior. At Caesarea Peter receives a vision showing that the time of "clean" and "unclean" meats is finished. The Old Testament ceremonial laws no longer apply. At the home of Cornelius Peter explains that God now accepts Jews and Gentiles alike. Jesus is the Lord of all. The Judean Christians accept the fact that Jesus is Savior of both Jew and Gentile. The church in Antioch of Syria grows. Saul (Paul) and Barnabas minister to the church in Antioch, where disciples of Jesus were first called "Christians." The Christians of Antioch help the Christians in Judea during a time of famine. Herod Agrippa I put to death James, the brother of John. He also imprisons Peter, but Peter miraculously escapes.

3. AROUND THE MEDITERRANEAN WORLD (13-28)

Paul begins his first missionary journey. The church at Antioch sends off Paul, Barnabas and John Mark, their helper. They go to Cyprus, Perga in Pamphylia, Antioch in Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra and Derbe, and finally back to Syrian Antioch for furlough (13-14). After a council in Jerusalem Paul again leaves from Syrian Antioch on his second missionary journey. Silas goes with him. At Lystra Timothy joins them. At Troas Paul has a vision of a man from Macedonia begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." Paul goes, and the Gospel is preached on European soil. Paul proceeds to Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens and Corinth. From there he goes to Ephesus and on to Jerusalem and Syrian Antioch (15:40 - 18:22). Paul begins a third missionary journey. He travels throughout Galatia and Phrygia to strengthen the disciples. He returns to Ephesus and then journeys through Macedonia and Greece and on to Troas. From Troas he travels back to Jerusalem (18:23 - 21:16). At Jerusalem Paul is arrested after some Jews from Asia stir up a crowd against him and a riot follows. In Caesarea Paul appears before Felix, Festus and Herod Agrippa II. Because Paul is a Roman citizen, he appeals to be taken to Rome for trial before Caesar. Festus gives permission and says "To Caesar you will go!" (12:17 - 26:32). Paul sails to Rome, suffering shipwreck on the way. Acts closes with Paul awaiting trial in Rome. He never stops teaching about Jesus Christ (27-28).

SOME CHAPTER NUMBERS FROM ACTS TO MEMORIZE

2) The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost 5) Ananias and Saphira 7) The Stoning of Stephen 8) Philip and the Ethiopian 9) Saul's Conversion 13-21) Paul's Three Missionary Journeys 27-28) Paul's Journey to Rome for Trial

A TIME-CHART OF ACTS EVENTS

(Note that dates are only approximate) A.D. 30 Pentecost 32/35 Paul is converted 46/47 First Missionary Journey 48-51 Second Missionary Journey 53-58 Third Missionary Journey 58 Paul Arrested in Jerusalem 58-60 Paul Imprisoned in Caesarea 60-61 Paul's Journey to Rome for Trial 61-63 Paul's Imprisonment in Rome (end of Acts) **EMPERORS, GOVERNORS, AND HERODIAN KINGS DURING NEW TESTAMENT TIMES**

ROMAN EMPERORS Augustus (27 B.C. - 14 A.D.) Jesus' birth and youth Tiberius (14-37) Jesus' ministry, death and resurrection Caligula (37-41) Paul converted Claudius (41-54) Paul's missionary trips Nero (54-68) Christians persecuted; Peter and Paul martyred Galba, Otho, Vitellius (68-69) Vespasian (69-79) Destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. Titus (79-81) Domitian (81-96) Christians persecuted; Revelation written **GOVERNORS OF JUDEA AND PALESTINE MENTIONED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**

Pontius Pilate (26-36 A.D.) Jesus' trial and crucifixion Antonius Felix (52-60) Paul's trial in Caesarea (Acts 24) Porcius Festus (60-62) Paul's trial in Caesarea (Acts 25) **HERODIAN KINGS MENTIONED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**

Herod the Great (37-4 B.C.) Jesus' birth Archelaus(4 B.C. - 6 A.D.)son of Herod the Great; ruled in Judea Herod Antipas (4 B.C. - 39 A.D.)son of Herod the Great; killed John the Baptist; Jesus' trial in Galilee and Perea Philip (4 B.C. - 34 A.D.) in Iturea and Trachonitis Herod Agrippa I (37-44)killed James the brother of John and imprisoned Peter (Acts 12); ruled all of Palestine; grandson of Herod the Great Herod Agrippa II (50-93)great-grandson of Herod the Great; Paul's trail in Caesarea (Acts 25-26) .



Our Sunday Adult Bible Class has started. Due to the planned outdoor service Sunday morning at church, there will be no Bible Class or Sunday School on Sunday September 18th.

Sunday September 25th at 8:15 a.m. we will continue the introductory lesson of “How to Interpret the Bible”. The following is an excerpt from the first lesson to let you know what it’s about.

Joan was in the middle of her early-morning Bible reading time. She had read about ten passages. All of them fit together in her mind. She was fairly certain she understood their basic meaning. Joan had been refreshed with the gospel and had taken to heart a point Jesus was teaching his disciples. But then she read a passage that made absolutely no sense to her; she could not understand how it fit into the flow of thought. She skipped the passage and kept reading. But she felt a bit of frustration. How she would have liked to have that passage fit in with the rest of her reading.

Have you ever felt this way?

The purpose of this course is to help you learn some skills of Bible interpretation. You may always encounter “speed bumps”, or hard to understand passages, as you read God’s Word. But learning from Scripture how God wants his Word to be understood will help you read with greater understanding and confidence.

Our Thursday night Bible class will start this Thursday, September 22nd at 6:30 pm. We will be studying, *What in the World is Going On?* a book by WELS Pastor David Thompson. You’ll get more out of this class by purchasing the book. It is \$12; please contact Pastor Pope and he will purchase it for you. The plan is to have this class the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. The following is from the back cover of the book to explain the purpose of this class.

So what in the world is going on? So many other belief systems exist, and they are deceiving to us in many ways. These beliefs are found in our children’s textbooks, university professors’ lectures, and in the media. What are these belief systems about? How does the Christian worldview differ from these other worldviews? How do other worldviews threaten the faith of Christians? How can we teach our children to be discerning of other worldviews? Find the answers in this important book.

Please join us for one or both Bible classes!



Announcements

New Defibrillator

Trinity has had the blessings of receiving a heart defibrillator. As soon as we find the proper place to put it, we would like your help. If you are qualified to use this machine in case of emergency, please contact the church secretary. We plan to have a list so people have the information. Thank you for your help.

Activity Bags

Remember there are activity bags filled with items that the children can use during the church service. We hope the children enjoy using the activity bags. Please return the bags to the hooks, on the hall tree in the mother's room, after church.

New Members

We are asking that new members please drop off a 4x6 picture of themselves or their family to the church office or to come early to worship to get their picture taken at church. We are making a board of the new members to welcome them to our congregation, and let other members know who they are. Also, if you had information sheets in your mailbox, please fill it out and get it back to the church secretary so we can add it to our church records. Thank You!

College Bound Students

Parents of college students, please give us the new address of your child (ren) for when they are off at school. 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!

Address Change

Please notify the church office if you have a change of address, phone number or e-mail address. We need to keep our church records up to date. This is important for church mailings and helpful to Pastor. Thank You!

News from Newtonburg

Library

The first library day of the school year occurred! This is on every Tuesday afternoon.

This year's reading incentive program will focus on "Get Out of the Doghouse, and read!" All books that are read (and signed by a parent), will be counted towards small and larger prizes. Rewards only come in groups of 10. (Groups of 1000 pages = 10 books, for the older readers, if they don't want to count actual books)-but still needs a parent's signature.

This year we are also adding a Library time for the Kindergartners—it will be every Thursday from 11:20 – 11:40. Thank you to Rachel V and Grandma Shirley G for being the Librarians for this!

Chapel

We have a Chapel service every other Wednesday @ 8:30 a.m. The services are led by Pastor Headrick or Pastor Pope from Trinity-Liberty. You are welcome to join us.

Wildcat Volleyball

Join us to cheer on our Wildcat Volleyball players! Here is a schedule of the games.

9/23 @ Sturgeon Bay with Morrison and Immanuel @ 4:30 PM

9/30 @ Kiel with Maribel and Bethany

B-Team Scrimmage on 10/4 @ Bethany

MLHS Junior Lancer Football

Many of our boys (5th – 8th Grade) are playing for the Junior Lancers. Their schedule is listed below. Home games are at MLHS. We invite you to cheer them on. (Note: the 5th & 6th graders play together)

Sept. 20th (Tues) HOME vs. Reedsville and Washington 4:30; 5:30; 6:30PM

Sept. 27th (Tues) @ Mishicot 4:30; 5:30; 6:30PM

MLHS

MLHS Homecoming, Fri 10/7. Everyone is invited to Lancer Field to cheer on the home team! Catch up with old friends and meet some new members of the Lancer Family. All alumni are invited into the MLHS Commons before & during the game for some refreshments, and all those whose graduation year ends in “1” will receive a FREE alumni T-shirt!

13th Annual MLHS Flag Football Tournament, Sat 10/8. This annual gridiron tournament has an exciting fundraising goal this year: Streaming Video Equipment which would allow MLHS to transmit a live broadcast of MLHS events (home athletic events, special worship services, graduation, etc) over the internet. Alumni, family, and friends far & near could view these events for FREE through the MLHS website. Join us for a day of great fun & competition! Registration at 8am on Saturday 10/8, with entry fee of \$12 (additional donations also appreciated). Contact Paul Klunker to RSVP at 682-1119.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat.9/17 Grade School Soccer Tournament @MLHS

Fri 10/7 MLHS Homecoming Football game vs. Sevastopol; 7pm

- Alumni Gathering in the Commons

Sat 10/8 13th Annual Lancer Flag Football Tournament; 8am

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Church Attendance for August



Combined Total for Saturday/Sunday

August 2008

Week 1: 28/86=114
Week 2: 34/185=216
(VBS sang)
Week 3: 42/84=126
Week 4: 39/76=115
Week 5: 34/94=128

Monthly: 702

August 2010

Week 1: 37/66=103
Week 2: 33/112=143
Week 3: 53/115
(Outreach Service)=168
Week 4: 27/90=117

Monthly: 531

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

August 2011

Week 1: 41/38/28=107*
Week 2: 45/67/26=138*
Week 3: 35/53/13=101*
Week 4: 36/62/33=131*

Monthly: 477

* Note: We had Tuesday services

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

John 4:24



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

9/1 Melissa Hackmann

9/3 Matthew Fitzgerald

9/5 Myron Schreiber

9/6 Virginia Ratsch

9/7 Susan Krey

9/9 Donna Fischer

9/9 Bob Lietzau

***** 9/13 Florence Bratz-83 yrs. young**

9/13 Matthew Kaufmann

9/13 Andrew Krey

***** Agnes Lawrence -93 yrs. young**

9/13 Harold Luebke

9/13 Alison Reindl

9/14 Mark Matzke

9/14 Grace Ott

9/16 Tony Boardman

9/16 Eileen Pleuss

*****9/17 Alice Schnell-90 yrs. young**

9/17 Marissa Bratz

9/18 Gary Luckow

9/18 Kim Siebert

9/20 Fred Wehausen

9/21 Marilee Slater

9/24 Jane Bushman

9/25 Warren Lutze

9/25 Nathan Kleinhans

9/27 Christopher Arnold

9/27 Rick Bratz

9/28 Jackie Kiesow

9/28 Steve Propson

9/30 Austin Fisher

9/30 Lois Glaeser

9/30 Wayne Otto



Happy Anniversary To...

9/1 Harold & Alice Schnell – 66 Years!

9/2 Damian & Jane Bushman – 33 Years!

9/3 Todd & Lisa Petersen – 17 Years!

9/4 Edward & Janet Matthias – 63 years!

9/5 Steve & Kim Fischer – 13 years!

9/5 Jay & Debbie Fitzgerald – 31 Years!

9/7 Eli & Betsy Kenneke – 20 Years!

9/9 Rick & Audrey Bratz – 16 Years!

9/18 Chad & Melissa Hackmann – 2 Years!

9/20 John & Diane Smith – 36 Years!

9/23 Juel & Marie Knutson – 44 Years!

9/24 Vernon & Joan Jaeger – 45 Years!

9/24 Terry & Marilee Slater – 12 Years!

9/29 Paul & Tammie Nagel – 21 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 17th Ron Kasten, Mike Kiesow

September 18th Alan Sieker, Brian Glaeser, Brett Glaeser, Todd Petersen

September 24th Dave Williamson (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Steve Pleuss

September 25th Gary Vetter (Server), James Glaeser (Server), Jeff Kasten, Andy 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 2:

Sharon Arnold, Lois Glaeser, Mary Liermann, Linda Wallander

Our Greeters for September





Bible Quiz – “Which Bible Quotation”

1. Look, the Lamb of God.
 - a. John 1:29
 - b. 1 Samuel 18:19
 - c. Mark 2:6
 - d. Mark 3:9

2. Do to others as you would have them do to you:
 - a. Galatians 5:14
 - b. Luke 6:31
 - c. Leviticus 19:18
 - d. Deuteronomy 18:3

3. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”
 - a. Luke 9:27
 - b. Jonah 1:8
 - c. Matthew 4:19
 - d. Acts 8:22

4. You must be born again.
 - a. John 3:7
 - b. Luke 12:18
 - c. Ephesians 4:13
 - d. 1 John 2:8

5. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
 - a. Exodus 1:1
 - b. Genesis :1
 - c. Matthew 1:1
 - d. Revelation 1:1

**Answers: 1.) a [John 1:29] 2.) b [Luke 6:31] 3.) c [Matthew 4:19] 4.) a [John 3:7]
5.) b [Genesis 1:1]**

Jesus Walks on the Water

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. Matthew 14:25 (NIV)

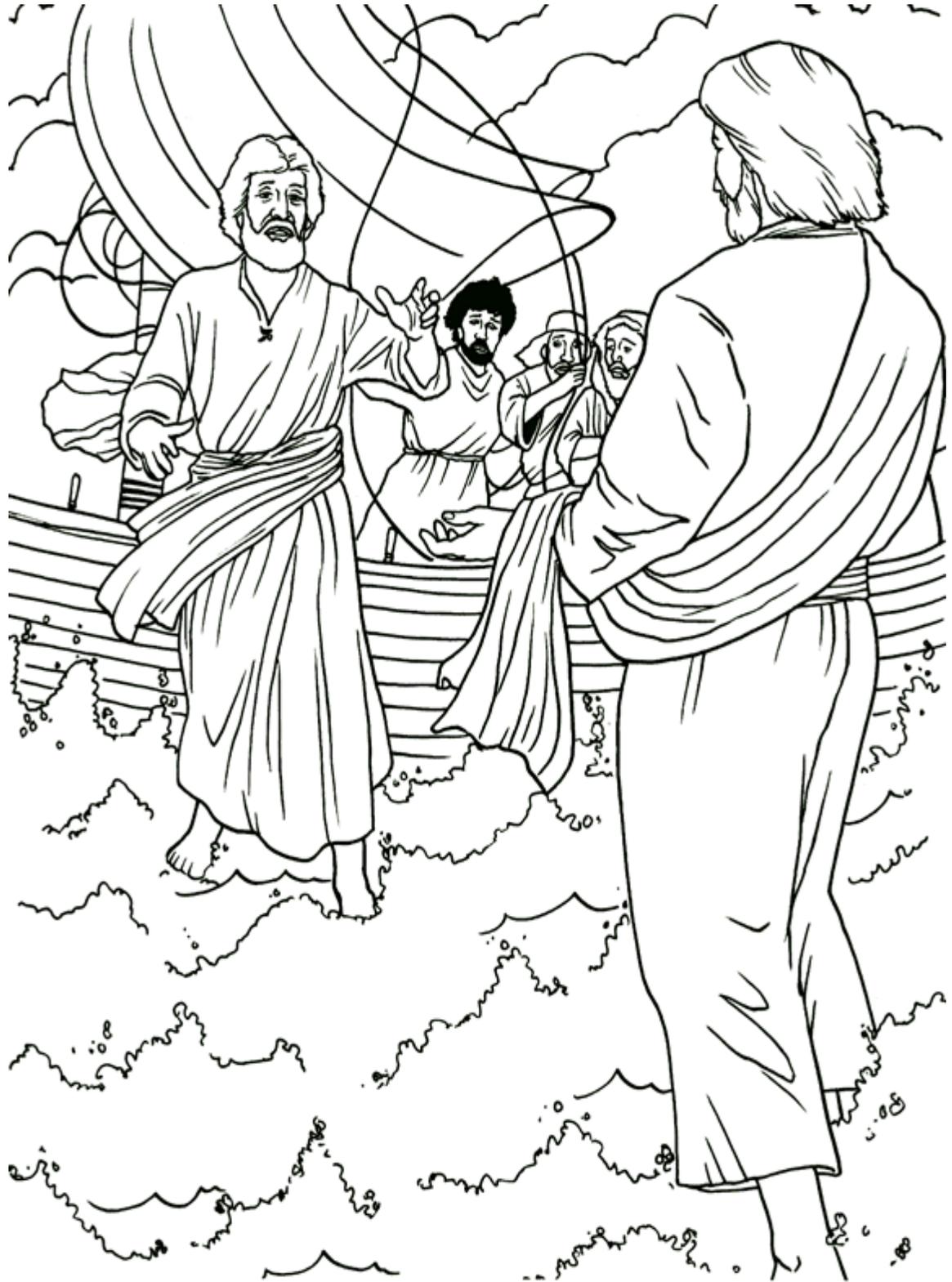
Based on Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)



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EVENING	HAND	DOUBT	WAVES
COURAGE	AFRAID	SAVE	SINK
LAKE	WALKING	BOAT	WIND
PRAY	COME	WATER	ALONE

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