

Evergreen Lutheran High School Update

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Principal Call news

This past week, the ELHS Board called Mr. Justin Gregorius to serve as principal. He currently serves as principal of Winnebago Lutheran Academy in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Please keep Mr. Gregorius in your prayers as he considers this Call.

"Around the World in 80 Minutes"

Join us for our Pops concert on Friday, June 11 at 7:00 pm. in the gym. We are featuring all our choirs, our band, and select small groups and solos. All are welcome to hear our selection of songs from around the world!

Farewell Potluck Friday, June 18

This evening is set aside to honor the ELHS staff members who will be leaving at the end of this year: Greg & Lisa Thiesfeldt, Dave Habeck, and Nicky Rodmyre. The Farewell begins at 6:30 pm in the gym. This is a potluck dinner; please bring a main dish and a salad to share. Dessert and beverages will be provided by the ELHS Boosters.

Calling all Boosters! Cheney Stadium Opportunity!

There are many opportunities throughout the summer to work at Cheney Stadium to raise money for programs that are not in the regular budget. To sign up, go to the ELHS website (www.elhs.org). Click on the Eagle Boosters "tab". Then click on the Cheney Stadium sign-up "tab". Fill in the required portions for the volunteer coordinator. Wear black pants and comfortable shoes. The shirt is supplied for you. Thank you in advance!

The Great "Clean-Out Your Nest" Sale

On June 25/26, the Evergreen Lutheran Boosters is holding a "Clean-Out Your Nest Sale." On Monday, June 21, you can start dropping off your good used, clean clothing and household goods. Drop-offs accepted through Thursday, June 24. The sale will run Friday and Saturday that week with anything left over going to the thrift store in Oregon.

Holy Land tour – March 2011

Pastor James Humann invites you to join him over spring break next year as he hosts his fourth tour to the Holy Land. The group will leave March 31, 2011 from Chicago and return April 9. Brochures are on the table by the bulletin board at church. Call Pastor Humann at 253-839-9055 or e-mail JHumann383@aol.com if you'd like more information.

London, Loire Valley, and Paris – June 13-21, 2011

Intrigued by French and English cultures? Stonehenge? WW2 history? Contact Mark Tacke 253-946-4488 or marktacke@elhs.org for more information about this June 2011 adventure to London, Loire Valley, and Paris. You can also find out more information at the trip website at: <http://www.acis.com/tripsite/?key=RFJjUDQ2SFYxOHpRQUppRmVZdz0%3D>

THE LAST WORD: A "HELLO" FROM PASTOR VOSS!

Hello to everyone at Holy Trinity! Kendalyn and I are currently preparing for our big cross-country journey. We are excited to meet all of you in person. Until that time, we'd like to share a little about ourselves. Kendalyn grew up in Watertown, WI. Her dad is an English professor and football coach there at Luther Prep. I grew up in Lincoln, NE, where my dad served as a pastor. Growing up in Nebraska means that I am a huge Husker football fan (They come to Husky Stadium on September 18!) When I was 12, my family moved to Aurora, CO. Kendalyn and I both attended Luther Prep, graduating a year apart in '02 and '03. We were both involved in sports there. Kendalyn played volleyball, basketball and ran track. I played football, basketball and baseball. Our lives split for a short time as I attended MLC and Kendalyn went to UW-Madison to run track. (Her athletic accomplishments vastly outnumber mine) We reconnected when I returned to Wisconsin for Sem. We were married on July 4, 2009, and now continue to grow in our marriage together. Kendalyn assists children with special needs. In our free time, we both enjoy watching sports, especially football. I love to golf (I'm trying to instill that love in Kendalyn, as well). After many years of working at a golf course, I also enjoy mowing lawn. We are looking forward to enjoying the beauty of Washington and adding to our list of interests! We will see you all soon!

(Note: See a picture collage from the seminary's Call Day and Graduation Day on our bulletin board at HTLC)



JUNE

HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 3

6:30 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting

JUNE 4

Last day of school for HTLS

JUNE 6

HTLS 8th Grade graduation
4:00 pm *Bible Basics Course* starts new 8-week class

JUNE 13

11:45 a.m. Voters Meeting

JUNE 14

7:00 pm Board of Evangelism

JUNE 15-16

Pastor's Institute (*The Roles of Men and Women*—Prof. Rich Gurgel, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary)

JUNE 17-18

PNW District Convention at ELHS

JUNE 19

10:00 am Mother/Daughter Brunch

JUNE 20 FATHER'S DAY

11:30 am Gentele open house for Anna & Dan in fellowship hall

JUNE 22

6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

JUNE 25-26

Clean-Out-Your-Nest sale at ELHS (See back page for details)

JUNE 27

ELHS Association Meeting



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Pastor Thomas M. Voss—Holy Trinity's Second Pastor

Pastor Youn Soo Park Graduates

On Thursday, May 20th, Thomas Voss received a Call from the WELS Assignment Committee to serve as Holy Trinity's second pastor.

Also, Pastor Youn Soo Park of Holy Trinity—Korean Church graduated from the WLS *Pastoral Studies Institute* program and received his diploma as a WELS pastor. He will continue serving the Korean congregation that meets at Holy Trinity.

Ordination / Installation Day will be Sunday, July 25, at 3:00 p.m. Plan to come rejoice with us all! See a message from Pastor Voss on the back page of this newsletter.

Voters Meeting June 13th

Our regular Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held Sunday, June 13th, after late service. Join us in the Fellowship Hall to:

- Hear details about our new pastor's move to Washington.
- Elect men to the six leadership positions that are open -
 - Church president
 - Church secretary
 - Board of Elders members (2)
 - Board of Evangelism member
 - Board of Christian Education member (grade school rep)
- Receive updates on our financial progress so far this year.

Join us for a potluck meal and the important ministry and business of our congregation!



At Call Day -

Pastor Thomas M. Voss and his wife Kendalyn



Pastor Youn Soo Park and his wife Amelia

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FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Holy Trinity members,

It happened again. A recent visitor to one of our worship services left upset because they were not invited to the Lord's Supper that day. As a member of a heterodox church, they felt that we should serve them communion.

Perhaps it would be good to review why our congregations cannot offer open communion to anyone in attendance at worship. It certainly is not because of selfishness. Scripture lays down three requirements for a person to be able to receive communion. Since it's the Lord's Supper - and not ours - it is the Lord who regulates it.

The first requirement is that "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Cor. 11:28) A person must be able to spiritually evaluate and reflect on their spiritual standing before God. "What are my sins? Am I sorry for them? Do I believe that I'm forgiven in the only Savior God has provided? Do I intend to change my sinful ways?" Because of this requirement, we do not offer communion to those who are unable to seriously examine their spiritual condition such as people who have never been instructed in how to do this, young children (we begin giving communion at about age 13), people who are unconscious, or those with severe Alzheimers or mental issues. We also are not in the practice of offering communion to our own Holy Trinity members who are under church discipline for a public, willful sin and who are unrepentant over it.

The second requirement is that "Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Cor. 11:28) A person must believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the Lord's Supper. Because of this requirement, we do not offer communion to casual visitors who have not been instructed in this or to

people of other faiths who believe that the Lord's Supper is merely a "representation" of Christ's body and blood without them truly being present.

The third requirement is that "Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf." (1 Cor. 10:16) A unity concept exists in communion among those who commune together. They are professing a oneness of faith. Therefore, a Christian will take communion only where he/she shares such a unity of faith. Conversely, as Christians we are to refute false teachings that churches may become ensnared by and separate from them: "Watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them." (Rom. 16:17) A host of other verses could be quoted concerning this concept, such as 2 Tim. 4:3,4; Rev. 22:18,19; Titus 3:10; 2 John 10,11; Titus 1:11; 2 Tim. 2:17; and 1 John 4:1. To commune with those with whom a person does not share a unity of faith would be wrong and unloving.

The practice of "close communion" is not a judgment upon whether a visitor has saving faith or not. It is a recognition that we have not instructed someone in what the Lord's Supper is or have not established that we have a true unity of faith. "We both respect the Bible and Jesus" is not such unity. Complete unity of faith involves all that God has revealed for our hearing and believing in Scripture.

Because of the way Scripture regulates the Lord's Supper, the pastor can be compared to a pharmacist. A pharmacist could spread all his drugs out on the counter and say "Help yourself, there are many good drugs here! I hope you're educated on them," and offer them to any and everyone. A pastor could say, "If you want to take communion, come up here

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Finance Committee Report

Gary Schwichtenberg, Treasurer, 425-235-7201



April, 2010

Income	
School & Pre-School/EST	\$21,354.53
Envelope & Plate	33,575.71
Debt fund/restricted	16,221.13
Rent/misc.	5,100.00
Reimbursements	260.00
Total in	\$ 76,511.37

Expenses	
Church/School	78,725.11
Debt payments	500.00
Total Out	\$ 79,225.11

Difference < \$ 2,713.74 >

The following called workers were impacted in their salaries this month: Three checks were held for 3 days.

Just a reminder again to look at a multi-month span to get the full picture of our churches financial state. To that end let us all remember to make our regular contributions and hopefully a little extra (if so blessed).

Congratulations Graduates!

(And thank you to the parents who alerted us as to their children's graduations)

HTLS members graduating from 8th Grade

John Henning
 Karissa Kjenstad
 Dallas Parker
 Patrick Schmeichel



Kelsey Sorum
 Elizabeth Weddle
 Kira Zehfus

Evergreen Lutheran High School

Hannah Carter
 Ashley Envick
 Olivia Goyins
 Catyann Poetter

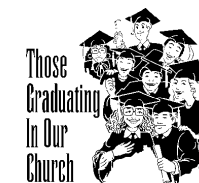
Mariya Quick
 Amanda Smith
 Megan Valerio
 Wyatt Weimer

Public High School

Riley Kettner (Federal Way High School)
 Garrett Raphael (Auburn Mountain View High School)

College

Anna Gentele (Bethany Lutheran, Mankato, MN)
 Daniel Gentele (Bethany Lutheran, Mankato, MN)
 Alexandra Holden (Central Washington University)
 James David Humann (University of Oklahoma)
 Kelsey Schwichtenberg (University of Washington)
 Lauren Thomas (Highline Community College)
 Anjelica Wolf (Pacific Lutheran University)



Financial information is provided to keep members of our church family updated on the financial status of our congregation, and to alert our members to possible challenges. We don't give to fund a budget, and we don't give merely in response to a need. We give in love and thanks to the Lord, and we remember that while God doesn't need our money, we have a need to worship and praise him with our offerings and gifts. As you plan your gifts to the Lord, remember to keep in mind the following principles of Christian giving:

- ⇒ **Give cheerfully!** God wants us to give out of love, not from compulsion. God loves a cheerful giver.
- ⇒ **Give proportionately!** Give in proportion to the income you receive, according to the measure with which God has blessed you.
- ⇒ **Give generously!** Whatever proportion of your income you designate as a gift to the Lord in faith, make it a generous proportion. "Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will reap generously" (2 Cor. 9:6).

Nominating Committee

As elections for church positions near, the Nominating Committee will be approaching men to ask them to consider allowing their names on the ballot to serve in various capacities. Please prayerfully consider this if you are asked, and may God move many to serve him and our congregation as we "work while it is day!"

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today if you're so moved or if you're baptized. I hope you've been instructed on what God says about the Lord's Supper." Both would be irresponsible. Because of this, we instruct carefully and confirm people to be communicant members of our church.

As we strive to remain faithful to God's requirements that he has placed upon the Lord's Supper, may he give us the words to explain his teaching clearly to those who visit us, so his Word may not be compromised and so we may tactfully share what the Lord says about his Supper!

See you at church,

Pastor Schewe

Book of the Month

A Lutheran Catechism on Homosexuality and Sexual Behavior

By Dr. David A. Kaufmann

A short 14-page booklet, this publication is packed with Scriptural and health-related material that addresses this topic clearly. Anyone concerned about this topic should have this booklet.

Available from the LC-MS publisher, Concordia Publ. House, St. Louis, MO.

Helping Hands for June

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Cheri Amador	253-529-0257
Debbie Elhard	360-832-3221
Marjorie Gillette	253-833-6826
Joanna Grassell	206-878-6970
Gloria Heino	253-841-3457
Jessie Helberg	206-284-7312
Claudia Hicks	206-878-7863
Beth Humann	253-539-9055
Janice Lewis	206-367-9219
Gail Medhin	253-859-2753
Nicole Rodmyre	253-266-9241
Beth Sanchez	206-779-2430
Shirley Sandwith	253-839-4969
Joan Schwichtenberg	425-235-7201
Michelle Sorum	253-517-7136
Cheryl Stanek	253-874-1989
Mae Tacke	253-839-3405
Donna Wilkinson	253-661-0967
Johanna Wolf	253-942-9653

*Coordinator(s)

You are part of the group that aid Holy Trinity in serving for coffee hour/funerals/weddings/and other special events that fall in the above month. The coordinator will advise you in advance of what is needed.

Homes for sale or rent

Greg and Lisa Thiesfeldt need to sell or rent their 3 bed/2 bath home located at 2016 South 291st Street (2 miles south of HTLC). They will be moving in early July. If interested, contact them at 253-945-0064 or thies51554@comcast.net.

Duane Heier also has his house for sale in Auburn, if you'd like to inquire about it call him at (253-508-2601).

Travel to the Holy Land

Pastor James Humann invites you to join him as he hosts his fourth tour to the Holy Land. The group will leave March 31, 2011 from Chicago and return April 9. Take a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee. View the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized. Walk the streets of Old Jerusalem to Mt. Calvary where Jesus was crucified. Drive to the top of the Mt. of Olives. Visit Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, and the Shepherds Fields. Go to Nazareth where Jesus spent his childhood, and Cana where he performed his first miracle. See the beautiful Garden of Gethsemane. Look into the empty Garden Tomb. Continue to the Dead Sea, site of the ancient cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Stop at Masada and ascend by cable car to the fortress where 967 Zealots made their last stand against Rome in 73 AD. For a colorful brochure, describing the daily itinerary, tour costs and conditions, speak to Pastor Humann at church, call 253-839-9055 or e-mail JHumann383@aol.com.



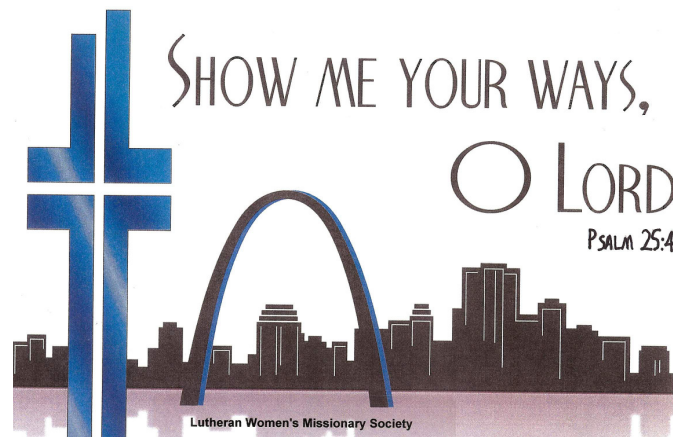
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preparation for every minute of delivery!

For the last week or so your pastor's desk has been his altar. There, in sermon preparation, he has prayed fervently for the Spirit's enlightenment, guidance, and power. He has poured out his soul to his Savior, confessing sins and finding refreshment in the forgiving blood of Jesus. He has opened the Scriptures to hear the voice of God, and his flesh trembles while his spirit rejoices. He has wondered if he is up for the task of speaking on behalf of God, if his choice of words is too bland or too bold, if his preaching of the gospel clearly portrays Jesus Christ.

His conscience burns with Christ's saving righteousness and also with a pledge to say what his God wants him to say. Then your pastor offers his sermon to you because he offers himself "to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

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To all Women of the WELS

The 2010 annual convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society is fast approaching. June 24-27, 2010 will be here before we know it. It's in a great location! St Louis is centrally located and convenient to visit. We pray that many of the women from our congregations will join us for this wonderful mission event. Carpool with your friends or check out the bus tours and make a reservation at the beautiful Millennium Hotel on the riverfront next to the arch. You will leave the convention encouraged in your walk of faith and inspired to share Jesus everywhere.

Go to www.2010lwms.org for information about mission presentations, registration, meal plan and menus, hotel registration, tours and all the other exciting information. Please join us for an uplifting weekend of praise to our God!

Registration forms and the latest newsletter are available in the lobby. Check out the website at www.lwms.org and click on the convention for more information.

Mother-Daughter Brunch

GRACE Circle is hosting a Mother-Daughter Brunch on Saturday, June 19, at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We are celebrating the special bond between a mother and her daughter(s)/daughter-in-law. Please plan on attending this fellowship activity. All you are asked to do is bring your favorite breakfast brunch dish. Mothers and daughters of all ages are welcome. This will be a great time to get together before summer is officially here. If you don't have a daughter, adopt one for the day!



Devotional thought for the month...

The Lutheran Way of Worship

Where do good sermons come from?

By Pastor Daron J. Lindemann

Public speaking ranks high on most lists of people's fears. Add to that the daunting responsibility for pastors called as spokesmen for God, and the fear factor shoots off the charts. When the almighty appointed them as his mouthpieces Isaiah cried, Jeremiah claimed childish ability, and Jonah ran. Teens encouraged to consider the pastoral ministry often cite preaching as the reason they're not interested.

Yet your pastor steps into the pulpit every Sunday overjoyed and unafraid. How?

Listening to a talking head is becoming an outdated mode of communication in today's visual world. Dynamic graphics attract our interest. News anchors don't speak longer than a minute before the screen flashes to new footage. Surround sound and high definition define the new living-room experience.

Yet congregation members sit still and listen to a sermon for 20 minutes every Sunday without supplemental entertainment or commercial breaks. Why?

The importance of the sermon

Lutheran pastors believe that when "Christ is preached" (Philippians 1:18), they are building for their listeners a strong eternal foundation of faith. Lutherans believe that the gospel is the means of grace through which God strengthens faith and nourishes his people. Therefore, in their worship planning, Lutherans refer regularly to a periscope, or list of Scripture lessons historically arranged for the purpose of proclaiming the words and works of Jesus Christ. Lutheran preaching is liturgical preaching because it finds its primary direction in the Christian church year.

Thematic sermons series based on a book of the Bible or a doctrine, or topical sermons based on a special ministry or event, have their moment, like special meals add variety into a healthy diet. However, the goal of a well-balanced diet for physical health reflects the goal of a well-balance spiritual diet feasting on God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ. On a normal Sunday, the Lutheran sermon is based on one of the three Scripture lessons appointed in the periscope for that Sunday of the church year.

The preacher makes his selection and then battles the forces that seek to prevent the proclamation of God's truth. He will, through Bible study and prayer, struggle with his own fears, shortcomings, and sins. He will face the fiery arrows of Satan and the pervasive principles of the world. By the power of the Spirit he will, for another week, stand as the victor holding "weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left" (2 Corinthians 6:7), and he will share the message of God with saints under his charge.

Sermon preparation takes research

To enhance his understanding of God's Word, the Lutheran pastor researches the original language of the selected portion

of Scripture, either Hebrew or Greek. While the priceless treasure of God's Word can sparkle brilliantly in a language other than the original, the Hebrew or Creek can uncover hidden gems for the preacher to display or simply to increase the value of his sermon preparation.

Study continues after researching the original language. The pastor searches the Scriptures elsewhere for their treatment of similar passages or truths. He will usually check one or more Bible commentaries for expanded insight and may crack open the Lutheran Confessions. He considers the main thrust of law and gospel in that portion of God's Word and how to communicate each with the clarity it deserves.

Sermon writing takes thought

Just as Jesus often utilized a story or word picture in his messages, preachers wisely tap into stories and word pictures to illustrate divine truths to human ears. Sermon preparation notes expand by the page as the preacher enters all kinds of possible illustrations onto his laptop or legal pad.

The sermon theme finally takes shape. Thoughts organize into a structure. The preacher determines what kind of style to employ. For example, he can choose a narrative style that tells a story, or a verse-by-verse treatment of the text, or a sermon spoken from a first-person or third-person perspective. He outlines main points and sub-points, inserts proof passages, formats transitions, selects appropriate illustrations, designs an introduction and conclusion, and includes relevant life applications. Through it all he ensures that he will preach the specific law and gospel presented in that Scripture section for that day. His goal is that if anyone leaves with only one thing, he or she leaves clinging to the gospel of Jesus Christ. "Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). The gospel dominates Lutheran sermons, even as it permeates the entire worship service.

As the saying goes, "Reading makes a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man." So our preachers are instructed at the seminary to write their sermons into manuscript form. During the writing and editing process, abstract concepts become concrete terms and lazy word usage awakens to vibrant expression. A few gifted men may be capable of preaching well without writing our their sermons; however, time spent writing a sermon manuscript will benefit most preachers.

Since sermons are not meant to be read—as if sharing an essay written by another—but spoken, the final step for the preacher before delivery is memorizing the sermon. Some preachers can memorize a sermon in one or two sittings of 40 minutes, while others need at least four hours. But the goal is the same: being prepared to speak directly to the congregation without an outline or manuscript getting in the way.

Sermon development takes time

On Sunday, your pastor stands in front of you and delivers his sermon for 20 minutes. Usually that 20 minutes means much more work. Your pastor has spent 15 minutes for Scripture selection, two hours for original language study, three hours for searching the Scriptures and researching commentaries, an hour for exploring illustrations and defining specific law and gospel, 30 minutes for title development, 30 minutes or more for outlining, two and a half hours for writing and editing, and three hours for memorizing and

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Notes and News



President's Report

Mark Tacke, President, 253-946-5866
"Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, and His love endures forever!"



On Thursday, May 21st, the assignment committee of the WELS assigned Thomas Voss as our second pastor. I'm sure the entire congregation shares my eagerness to welcome our new shepherd and his wife into our midst. As of this writing, many details need to be worked out, but one issue can be brought to the congregation's attention now. In the past, moving expenses for new workers have been paid with special offerings. Please consider how you might help in this regard as the opportunity will be coming soon.

June 13th brings the annual elections Voters Meeting. New men will be elected to the positions of President, Elders, Secretary, Evangelism, and Board for Christian education. The Nominating Committee is in the final stages of securing the slate of candidates.

In that regard, this is my final president's report. It has been a privilege to be in this position for three years and I appreciate the confidence the congregation placed in me.

Blessings, Mark Tacke

Holy Trinity Lutheran School

Stephen Rodmyre, Principal, (253) 839-6516

Focus

Do you ever watch the Discovery Channel program called "Myth Busters"?

I'm not a regular viewer, but on episodes that I have caught one thing really impresses me: those guys are determined. It seems they never give up until they are completely convinced, one way or the other. Now maybe part of their "never-give-up" attitude is the fact that they must have some pretty deep pockets backing their "experiments." And of course, they always come up with, "Don't try this at home."



I guess that's where the similarities end. Especially as we enter the summer vacation months. What do I mean?

I think as we conduct the school year we (the faculty) are equally determined and focused on the job at hand: teach the students entrusted to our care everything from the Christian point of view, with special emphasis on God's Word and what it means to us on a daily basis: living the Christian life.

There are two big differences, however. 1: We don't have real deep pockets when it comes to the funding of our operation, and 2: Our final exhortation would be the opposite, "PLEASE keep doing this at home." Especially during the summer months.

As for the #1 item, funding seems to be a consistent challenge for our on-going operation. Some would consider the glass half empty. I guess I like the half full view. Could it be that God knows what's best for us?? Of course He does. That's where faith comes in. And the fact the He has kept us in operation for 30 years ('79-'80 to '09-'10) does indeed show He is the one in charge.

As for the #2 item, summer is a great time for a vacation. But please don't let that free time come between you and your family's regular hearing of God's Word. Keep up the daily home devotions. Make a point of being in church regularly. If Sunday doesn't work, remember we have Monday night services. If you're going to be out of town it doesn't take long to find out if there is a WELS congregation close to where you're going to be while away from here. And most of all, keep the focus on Jesus. Don't let the world take over. If you are visiting some place where the world's teaching contradicts the Word of God be sure to point out that the world's teaching is wrong. There are a lot of myths out there. God's Word is not among them.

May God bless your summer. Keep the FOCUS on Him.

Over 55 Group

Peggy Justice, Secretary (253) 838-4586

Our monthly meetings are over until September. By May our church and personal calendar conflicts were unreal but we still found time to have potlucks and check-off the last of our project participation. We helped decorate the church for Christmas and Easter; sponsored a Lenten supper; purchased frames and assembled pictures of our military personnel; made the confirmation stoles; mailed 2 boxes of Meditation books to New Ulm's Prison Ministry coordinator; Collected and mailed a Care Package to an overseas military member and helped with the New Member Welcome Potluck.

A special **Thank You** to Mr. Rodmyre and his 7th / 8th graders for organizing an **A+** Seniors Luncheon. What a treat!

Again, a heartfelt **Thank You** to Wanda and Carol for those beautiful Confirmation Stoles. (*Our newest members looked wonderful and the stoles will be a nice keepsake of their Confirmation.*)

Many blessings to Pat Sorum for years of faithful service as our secretary (*since Pastor Lockman*).

Thank You to Merri, Lois, Pam and Ann for helping with the set up/serving/clean-up of our New Member Potluck. (*They were amazing!*)

Under new business: We have voted to donate \$50.00 to Camp 4 Star's request for SCRIP to buy supplies.

Under unfinished business: Our Summer Picnic's time and place is yet to be determined. When it is organized Pastor Humann will e-mail the information to you.

We will await more definitive information on June's 'Welcome' for the new Pastor and the church's hosting the 2-day Pastor's

Institute seminar before committing time and talents.

Please continue faithfully recycling old Meditation books. The collection box is in the social hall by the lending library.

Our next regular meeting will be September 19th. Have a Wonderful Safe and Sane Summer.

Circle "J" Ranch Vacation Bible School!

Circle J Ranch Vacation Bible School coming soon! -July 19-23 (the week after Camp 4Star!)



We have streamlined the VBS registration process to make it both greener and more efficient. As this is our first year trying this, please bear with us through any bugs or bumps along the way!

To register your child for VBS you will need an email account. The email account is so that you can register for a free *Big Tent* account. "What is a *Big Tent* account?" you ask. Well *Big Tent* hosts family friendly groups online for free.

Once you sign up for a free personal account (you must be at least 13) you can join as many groups as you'd like. For our purposes, we'd like you to sign up for the **Holy Trinity VBS group**. <https://www.bigtent.com/groups/hlcvbs> Then once you've registered, please choose one of two *sub-groups*.

The sub-groups are divided into "Volunteers" and "Parents." If you'd like to volunteer, register for the **Volunteer** subgroup. If you'd like to register your children, register under the **Parents** subgroup.

If you'd like to volunteer AND have kids to register, you may do both under the **Volunteer** sub-group.

If you have ANY questions call or email me! (253) 332-4292 (cell) or johanna@lykoslight.com.

For now, register at <https://www.bigtent.com/groups/hlcvbs> as soon as possible and familiarize yourself with the website! The goal is to streamline the whole process of registration and to simplify communication with everyone! Won't you pass on the website info to your friends and join us at the Ranch?

GRACE Circle

Sharon Holter, President, 253-797-9729

The last meeting of GRACE Circle was an election meeting. Those ladies holding office for next year are Sharon Holter, president, Pam Carter, vice-president, Dawn Peterson, secretary, and Trish Strege, treasurer. Thanks to those ladies for stepping up to lead GRACE Circle.

There are several opportunities this summer for GRACE Circle to lend a helping hand. One is the Ordination and Installation of our new associate pastor on June 27. Please watch for more emails and information in the next few weeks. Ladies for this summer you are asked to check your mailboxes for the new helping hands lists. Check to see if you are on one of the summer months. If you are on one of those months please plan on helping with baked goods, set-up, or clean-up on Coffee hour Sundays.

Lifelines

Lifelines is printed to help you remember your fellow Christians in your prayers. If you are aware of a brother or sister in Christ who has experienced one of life's milestones, please let us know.

Please remember in your prayers our military, our government officials, and anyone you know who may be ill or un-churched, or unemployed.

Brothers and sisters in Christ who are struggling with issues:

Lisa Rittierodt, who continues her treatment for cancer

Pray for our shut-ins:

Lulu Anderson
Art and Doris Ewald
Mary Fox
Fern Einfeldt

Please pray for those members in the military:

- Kirk Campbell, US Coast Guard
- Kevin Sharp
- Neal White, Hawaii
- Cody Stolz (Marine Reserve)
- Matt Wilkinson, Japan
- Christopher Young US Army
- Brandon Hocking
- Nicholas Holter, US Navy
- Noah Eliason (Marine Reserve)
- Robert Envick, US Navy
- Kenny Dryden, US Marine Corps
- Juul Quick (Marine Reserve)



Brothers and sisters in Christ celebrating anniversaries this month:

Dan & Judy Kettner	June 8
Don & Karen Grassell	June 18
Mark & Vicki Schewe	June 19
Matt & Brenda Henning	June 19
Chuck & Beth Johnson	June 19
Arlyn & Carol Strege	June 19
John & Claudia Hicks	June 23
Steve & Sharon Raddatz	June 25
Steph & Jane Rodmyre	June 25
Rob & Kristen Garretson	June 26
Don & Sharon Holter	June 26
Marc & Lisa Weddle	June 27
Tim & Abbie Fischer	June 30
Ken & Marie Fiebig	June 30
Mark & Rachel Tacke	June 30

Thank you!

THANKS to ALL who purchased the roses for Mother's Day. We netted \$216.00 for debt reduction. That was a great sum and have had many comments on how beautiful the roses were! Thanks again!