



**Wisconsin Lutheran College Band Tour
Tuesday evening, May 18th**

The WLC Band (Milwaukee, WI, a college affiliated with our WELS) will present a concert in our gym on Tuesday, May 18th at 7 p.m.
Please mark your calendars! Invite friends and family!

We will be housing 44 students.

Please consider hosting 2 students or more for this event. Call the church office, 371-0047, if you have room for two students for one night, May 18. Thank you!



**ALL LADIES OF
GOOD SHEPHERD,
please join us at 6:30pm
on Wednesday, May 5th!**

We will hold elections for next year's officers and have a short business meeting. Guest speaker Barb Christensen will discuss family counseling. We will also enjoy plenty of good Christian fellowship! Be sure to join your Sisters in Faith for the final meeting of the year.

◆ **National LWMS Convention: June 24 - 27 in
St. Louis, MO**



Phone Michelle Markgraf or visit < www.lwms.org > for more information. Registration forms are in the church hallway — deadline is May 15th.

Thrivent Members

You have a unique opportunity to help direct Thrivent Financial's charitable funds. For Spring 2010, you may either vote online @ Thrivent.com/choicevote or return a business reply card found in the spring issue of Thrivent magazine which members should be receiving this week. 10 organizations are listed. One million dollars will be distributed based on a percentage of votes received.

Notice in the list WELS Committee on Relief, which primarily reacts to disasters in the U.S. and WELS Humanitarian AID Committee, which promotes humanitarian work in various world missions fields.

All ladies of Good Shepherd,

There are always many small tasks that need to be done around church. Please check out the sign-up sheets in the hallway between the church and school. There are many open slots to fill. Each "duty"

has a brief description of the volunteer work, and indicates how much time is needed. Please consider offering your time for the Lord's service. Thank you!



Men — Young adults & the "young at heart," it's time for another enjoyable season of...
Church League Slo-Pitch Softball!

Games will be played as double-headers:

- at the Sherman Park diamonds (by the zoo)
- on Thursday evenings — doubleheaders — beginning at 6:30 or 8:30
- our first game will be Thursday, April 29
- Cost to play the whole season is \$50.00

If you have any questions, or to offer your athletic prowess to the team, please phone Jason Meister





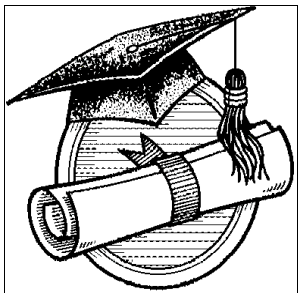
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**Good Shepherd
 Lutheran**
 Church & School

*Jesus is Risen! You are saved!
 Rejoice and be glad!*

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The Graduation Service
 for our
**Good Shepherd Lutheran
 Elementary School**
 will be
Wednesday Night, May 19,
7:00 pm

We invite you to join us as we
 congratulate and pray for our Lord's
 continued blessings upon our Graduate...

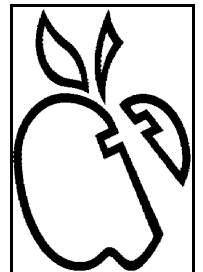
Ethan Ohland

Congratulations!

'25 Years of Service'

A "light brunch" honoring
Mrs. Tammy Lindwurm,
 will be held between services
9:15, Sunday, May 23rd

*Thank you, Lord,
 for blessing us
 through the talents
 of Mrs. Lindwurm!*





**Good Shepherd
Lutheran**
Church & School

Good Shepherd
Evangelical Lutheran Church & School
Sunday Worship: 8:00 & 10:30
-- May 2010--

*Reaching more people, more often with God's truth:
Worshipping, Growing, Caring, Sharing...*

How can I be happy when I'm not getting my way?

*"Blessed are the meek."
Matthew 5:5*

Who wants to be considered meek? A meek tiger doesn't get ahead in the jungle and a meek person doesn't seem to get ahead in this world. To be meek is not always to insist on your rights. To be meek is to let the other guy get his way while your own needs and desires are kept under wraps. "Meek" not only sounds like "weak," but to most people to be meek is to be weak. And to be that way never gets you ahead in school, in business, in relationships, right?

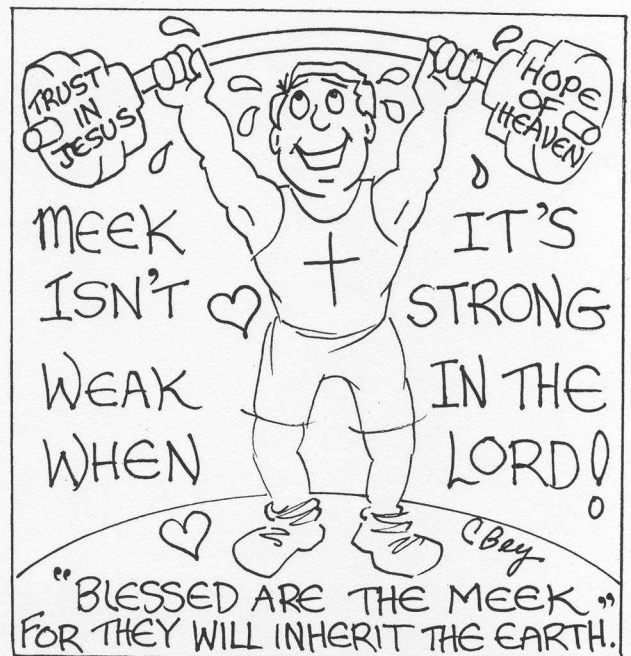
Not so with followers of Jesus. He once equated happiness with being meek. What's more, he said that Christians actually will get ahead by putting others first. This is how he said it: "*Blessed (happy) are the meek, for they will inherit the earth*" (Matthew 5:5).

You see, Jesus was talking to some very secure people when he said that. He was talking to those who had put their trust in him. They weren't secure because they had great careers or lots of money. They were secure because they knew they had the most valuable thing anyone can ever have: a place in heaven. They trusted that Jesus would take them to heaven when they died and that made all the difference in the way they lived. Secure in God's greatest treasure, they didn't have to live the rat race of trying to secure their financial fortune by running over somebody else's rights.

Jesus' followers know this life is not all there is. Jesus' followers know they can be meek — they don't have to get their way all the time because Jesus has set them up for an eternity of happiness.

Guess what happens when you live this way? People notice. People respect you for the way you live. People honor you as someone who puts the needs of others before your own. In that way you "get ahead" without even trying. You "inherit the earth" even if your meek lifestyle doesn't translate into big bucks.

Jesus blesses us when we walk his way in this world. Being meek isn't being weak. It's being strong. Strong in your trust in the Lord Jesus. Strong in your hope of heaven. Strong in your belief that your loving God will take care of you in this life and the next. Strong enough not to always insist on your way. Be meek. Be happy.



What's happening in our school???

Isn't it great to see all of nature come back to life under God's guiding hands each Spring! Kids are counting down the days remaining in the school year... it won't be long and summer vacation will be here! One sure sign summer vacation is approaching is the annual...

Watertown Track Meet - Friday, May 7th

The students of GPLHS will host the elementary school children from the WELS schools in the state. It is an EXTRAORDINARILY fun day of friendly athletic competition between our schools. We will board a bus early in the morning and return late in the afternoon. All of our parents are welcomed and encouraged to come along (on the bus, if you wish) and cheer on our young athletes!



All are invited to join us for a...

Piano Recital!

Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00pm

Our thanks to Lori Ohland for teaching piano lessons to many of our students again this year!



Our last day of school will be Thursday, May 20

We will start our last day with a final chapel service. After some cleaning in the classrooms and emptying out our desks, we will have a family picnic.

All parents and siblings are invited to join us at 11:00 for a picnic lunch in the gym.

End-of-term awards and report cards will be distributed. Students will be dismissed at noon.

We hope that all our families can join us!

Great Plains Lutheran High School

UPCOMING EVENTS

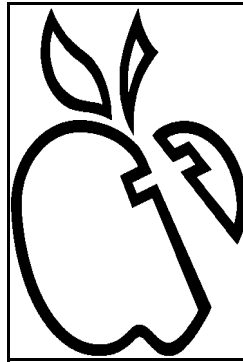
Delegate (& Auxiliary) Meeting: Saturday, May 1 @ 10 am

(Men, we may send 6 delegates, including our two pastors.

If you would be willing to serve as a delegate, please talk to our president, Ron Smallfield)

Kaleidoscope Concert: Friday, May 21 @ 7:30 pm

Graduation Service: Saturday, May 22 @ 10 am

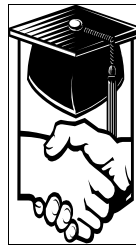


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Thanking our Heavenly Father for allowing us another year to be training His lambs, we invite you to join us for another **Grade School Graduation Service!**

Wednesday, May 19 at 7pm

One graduate —

Ethan Ohland

— has successfully completed his training on the elementary level. We will praise our Lord and pray God will bless Ethan as he moves on to the high school level.

Come! Join us for this Graduation Service! Stay for a reception to be held in our school gymnasium!

Congratulations, Ethan!

We want to say, "Thank You,"

for the many encouraging thoughts and the prayers given to our families since the recent loss of our mom

(Blair & Mark's mother, Judy).

The words of comfort from our church family mean so much to all of us.

*Rejoicing in Christ,
the Lindwurm Families*

**FAITH
HOPE
& LOVE**

Several members will graduate from high school this year. We would like to congratulate...

Jessica Brausey, Zachary Fick, Grant Herbener, Anthony Wells and Rachel Lindwurm

on their accomplishments. May God continue to bless you as you move into the next stage of your life in Christ!

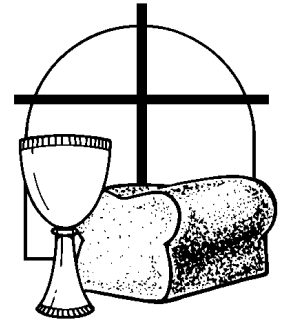


**Congratulations,
Graduates!**

WORSHIP CORNER

The Song of Simeon (p.24 in the hymnal)
("Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace...")

A long time ago there was a Christian man. Every day he would wake up and think, "Is today the day? The day I get to see the Messiah, the Son of God, with my own two eyes?" Every day he wondered. He wondered because God had made him a very special promise. God promised this old man that he would not die until he got to see the Messiah, the Saviour of the world, with his own two eyes. That Christian's name was Simeon.



Likely, Simeon daydreamed about what it would be like to come face-to-face with the Saviour. And then one day it happened. At church. A young mother walked in to the temple courts carrying a six-week old baby boy. Her husband was with her, carrying a pair of doves, the kind of sacrifice the working-poor would bring. It was a sacrifice for the purification of the mother and the redemption of the child.

Simeon saw the Messiah. No angels sang, there was no blazing light or echoing thunder. What there was, was a baby, a little Jewish baby. But by the Holy Spirit Simeon saw who he really was. He took the warm, soft child into his own arms. And he was content. He said, "Lord, Master, now let your servant depart in peace, just like you promised. Because my eyes have seen your salvation." (Luke 2:29-30) He did not ask his Master to let him depart quickly or easily or even painlessly. But in peace. For he who is at peace with his Master, his Lord, his God, can deal with things even when they aren't quick or easy or painless. And in that child, Simeon knew he was at peace with God, or rather, God was at peace with him.

In the Lord's Supper, your eyes also get to see the Saviour of the world. Like Simeon, we don't hear angels singing or see bright lights shining or hear booming thunder echoing. But we do receive the real body and blood of Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine; and like Simeon, it's the Holy Spirit that has given us the eyes to see that. Which is why we sing this after the Lord's Supper (and also in Evening Praise during the Lenten services--it's our second last prayer). Because having heard God's Word of forgiveness and having received this Sacrament of forgiveness, we, too, are at peace with God; or rather, he has made it abundantly clear that he is at peace with us because of his Son.

And so, like Simeon, we do not ask our Master to let us depart quickly or easily or even painlessly. But in peace. For he who is at peace with his Master, his Lord, his God, can deal with what's coming up this week, even if it's stuff that is not quick or easy or painless. When we sing the Song of Simeon, we are borrowing from Simeon's ancient wisdom, making it fresh and current and modern. As fresh and current and modern as our Lord's peace. Amen.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

- *We continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, since the Easter Season is 7 weeks long and goes into mid-May.
- *The first half of our worship year ("the festival half", Dec.-May) comes to a close with two great celebrations—the Ascension of our Lord (May 16) and The Birthday of the New Testament Church (Pentecost, May 23)
- *May 30 (Memorial Day weekend) we bridge the gap between the two halves of the Church Year by celebrating "Trinity Sunday", in which we meditate on the reality of the mystery of our God—3 Persons, yet 1 God.
- *In the 2nd half our Church Year ("Pentecost Seasons", June – Nov.) we will begin using the other two liturgies in our hymnal (Service of the Word, Service of Word and Sacrament)



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE (for the months of June, July and August.)

Sundays will remain the same...

Sunday Worship at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Sunday School, Adult & Teen Bible Studies at 9:15 am

We will add... Monday evening Worship: 7:00 p.m. (beginning June 6)

Announcing a “New” Approach this year — Vacation Bible School

July 25-29 (Sunday - Thursday) Evenings, 6:00-8:00 pm

As summer approaches, our schedules tend to fill too quickly, so...

We ask you to “look ahead” and **“set aside” the evenings of July 25-29**

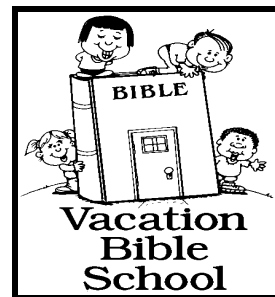
for your children & for yourselves to attend our “VBS for the family” this year.

We urge you to invite your friends who are not active in a church to come with you!

First, a ‘light snack’ supper — then, classes & crafts for children —

& classes for parents/adults

With our teachers, we will be asking your assistance ‘soon.’ Today, please reserve the dates...



2010 Summer Kids Club

Starting May 24, 2010

Snicklefritz Summer Kids Club will be offered at Good Shepherd this summer.

The club is available for children ages 5-12 years.

Register now since space is limited and will go fast! Registrations forms are in the east entryway of the church. Snicklefritz Summer Kids Club will be available

full days and half days for your convenience.

Full day hours are 7 am to 6 pm, half day hours are 7 am to 12 pm OR 1 pm to 6 pm.

Your child will have fun with new experiences and adventures

planned daily by educated early childhood professionals.

Themed activities for the week will be planned, field trips, and a healthy, fit curriculum will be incorporated each day. Bible lessons and stories are also an essential part of the program.

You will need to send your child with a sack lunch. Questions or comments are welcome. You may

contact Mrs. Tyfany McKnelly @ 376-3565, Mrs. Candi geick @ 366-8270

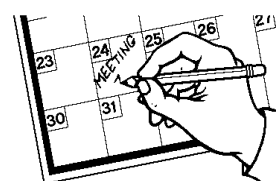
or leave a message at our Southeastern and 49th location @ 367-6767.



Save the Date

The Stewardship / Fellowship Committee has set dates for the following events. Make sure to mark your calendars. We hope to see you there!

- * Sunday, June 6, 1:30pm – Digital Scavenger Hunt
- * Wednesday, July 14, 4-8pm – Wild Water West
- * Sunday, August 8 – 3-8pm – Church Picnic at Riverdale Park
- * Sunday, September 12 – Bike Ride



Camp Luther!

Camp Luther, a week-long camp for students who were in the **5th-8th grade** is scheduled for **Sunday, July 18 - Friday, July 23.**

Would you like to join other WELS children from the Eastern Dakotas and Western Minnesota for Bible study, crafts, recreational activities, campfires and an opportunity to become acquainted with new Christian friends around Pickerel Lake, near Waubay, SD...all for \$100?

Information packets and registration forms are available in the entryway . (Register by July 1st)

“Planned” Giving / “Regular” Giving (May, 2010)

Will we buy a car on a whim? Pull a pile of cash out of our pocket whenever some auto strikes our fancy? Probably not! Maybe we will wisely set aside a specific amount of money each month, putting it into a “car savings” account until enough pennies accumulate for us to purchase our preferred auto. Most likely, we will take out a loan when we buy a car, paying off a specific amount each month for three, four or five years

Home mortgages work the same way. Planning monthly payments, we regularly remit a set amount every month for fifteen to thirty years.

Budgeting for utility costs which rise or fall with the summer sun or winter snow, companies invite us to enroll in payment plans which have us paying the same set amount each month, January through December.

Insurance...taxes...entertainment options...so many items in our budget follow similar patterns of planned payments on regular, recurring schedules. “Christmas Club accounts” even funnel our gift-giving into planned, regular payments – preferably setting aside money ‘before the fact’ rather than forcing us to pay off more expensive credit card costs ‘after’ Christmas.

Is it possible regular, planned payments which permeate so many areas of my financial life flow from God’s plan for his people to bring our offerings back to the Lord on a regular, planned basis? Note Paul’s inspired advice for Corinthian Christians planning their offerings: **“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income.”**[1 Corinthians 16] Every week! The first day of every week! Regular offerings are certainly one part of our Lord’s plan for gifts we bring back to God to help support our Lord’s gospel ministries.



Ask yourself: Do I plan what I will give every week? Do I follow a regular plan for regular gifts? Or do I let my “emotions of the moment” determine what I put into my offering envelope today? Planning, planning regular offerings will be a far wiser, more faithful use of whatever money God asks me to manage – a truth easily observed in a grocery store, where people would naturally seem to spend different amounts of money each month. But, in fact, wise money managers tell us to budget our grocery dollars – to plan a specific amount we will regularly spend for food – because “spur of the moment” shopping or “buying whatever I feel like eating” as I walk through the store will always lead me to spend ‘too much.’ Financial wisdom will first budget a specific amount for food and then limit my purchases to my plan.

Will “church offerings” – the first line or ‘first decision’ in our family budget (**“the first day of every week”**) -- follow any approach other than planned, regular ‘payments’ we customarily make on so many other items in our family budget? Not when we learn by experience how our Lord blesses regular gift-giving. Yes, as Paul promises, the Lord **“who supplies bread for food...will enlarge the harvest of our righteousness, making us rich in every way so we can be generous on every occasion.”**[2 Corinthians 9]

Not only will our Lord bless us as we bring regular gifts to support his gospel ministries, the Lord will bless his church. Regular offerings enable a congregation’s treasurer to pay our gospel ministry’s regular ‘bills.’ Paying gas and electric bills – paying called workers (yes, paying our pastors and teachers a salary is proper, for our Lord says, **“Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor”**[Galatians 6] – paying for routine repairs is ‘easier’ on our treasurer when our regular church offerings provide a regular source of income.

Which raises a second question to ask myself: Will I set aside the same amount for the Lord even if I am away? Will I bring my regular offering to support our Lord’s ministries if I am away from worship for a week – maybe for a month (some vacations are longer than others)? I know. It is a logically foolish question if I also ask myself: Will I make my monthly mortgage payment if my house is empty because I am away on vacation? Will I remit the same car payment each month no matter how many miles I drive or do not drive during those thirty days? Will my regular church offerings receive a different answer?

May God bless our planned, regular offerings for our Lord’s gospel ministries!

