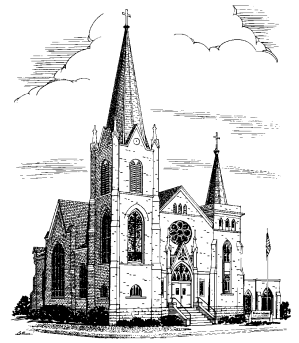


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What's Going On?

When you look at the world around you does it seem like there is no pattern and no useful purpose to the events that take place? Remember that the Lord of History is still in control. Here are some examples mentioned by another WELS pastor, Michael Traudt.

The Lord of History still rules. Remember the last 13 chapters of Genesis. All sorts of evil things happened to Joseph, yet years later, when the time was right, Joseph was where the Lord of History wanted him. Joseph said to his brothers, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." God preserved His people so that the Savior could be born.

The empires of the Old Testament era thought they were in control, and yet God deposed and replaced them whenever it was His will. The Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Persians, the Greeks, and then the Romans all had their time in history when it was the Lord of History's will and then only.

The Lord of History is still the same in the New Testament era. He guides and rules all things. Historically speaking, the Reformation got off the ground, was because the political scene in Europe at Luther's time was total chaos. Charles V of France, who was a staunch Roman Catholic, could not get his act together because he was busy with the Turks, and then in the Empire few would totally knuckle under to his authority. The result was that Charles V could not get back to Northern Germany with a meaningful military force until after Luther's death, or over 25 years. It was the Lord of History's will that the Reformation might survive all attacks from without and from within. It is the Lord's promise that His Church, His little flock will survive until the end of time, no matter what happens.

The list could go on. There is someone in control who has a purpose for the events of this world and for your life. Psalm 2 assures us that none can oppose his plan:

"Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One. "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters." The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him."

In Christ, the Lord of History,
Pastor Draper

St. John's Mission statement:

*The continuing purpose of this congregation is to serve all people in God's world
with the gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.*

Church Council Minutes – July 12, 2010

Present: Barry Hillmann, Leo Derkowski, Jerry Dittbenner, and Pastor Draper.

Due to the limited attendance of Council members no formal meeting was held. The minutes were reviewed and no changes were noted.

Pastor Draper covered a few events such as the picnic and garage sale.

No reports were made.

The following motion was made by Leo Derkowski/.Barry Hillmann:

A school planning committee will be created as soon as possible. Pastor Draper will recommend and screen possible members to be approved by the Church Council.

Motion carried.

No date was set for the next meeting.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Leo Derkowski, Secretary



St. John's Upcoming Events

- ★ August 2 - School registration night 6:30-8PM and swimming party 8:30-10PM
- ★ August 8 - Church picnic at Ft. Ridgely State Park - 10AM
- ★ August 20 - St. John's Pie Stand at Corn Days
- ★ August 21 - St. John's in the Corn Days Parade (watermelon @ St. John's after the parade)
- ★ August 22 - Emilie Netzke's Birthday Party
- ★ August 23 - First day of school at St. John's - 8AM



100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Please join Emilie Netzke and her family
to celebrate her 100th Birthday
on Sunday, August 22nd
@ the Sleepy Eye Community Center
from 1-5PM

47th Annual Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Convention
St. Louis, Missouri, June 24-27, 2010

"Show Me Your Ways, O Lord" [Psalm 25:4](#)

Registered attendees: 801

Number of Circuits represented: 57

Current Membership: 910 congregations ~ 1 Individual Member

33 Mission flags were presented

kids c.a.r.e.

- **2010-2011** Home Missions Project Caribbean Missions
- **2009-2010** World Mission Project Pakistan ~ \$74,606.76

Mission Projects Selected

- **Ballot**
 - Home Mission Project #HM-2008-03: Information Outreach Project - \$35,574.39
 - World Mission Project #WM-2008-01: Multi-Language Publications Projects - \$35,574.39
- **Worship Service Offerings**
 - Home Mission Project #HM-2008-16: Hmong Evangelist Training Project - \$18,341.91
 - World Mission Project #WM-2008-24: Nepal Projects - \$18,341.91

Offering Totals

- Mission Projects Offering = \$71,148.78
- Worship Service Offerings = \$36,683.82

Mission projects to be voted on in 2011

- **Home Missions**
 - Vicars in Mission Settings (HM-2010-12)
 - Cross-Cultural Mission Conference and Training (HM-2010-14)
- **World Missions**
 - Brazil Projects (WM-2010-13)
 - Japan Projects (WM-2010-21)

Future National Convention Site

- Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 23-26, 2011

Minnesota Valley Circuit Fall Rally: Saturday, October 2, 2010 at St. Mark's in Mankato.

Next Spring Rally Date: Saturday, April 9, 2011 in **Sleepy Eye!!** Join us throughout this next year as we plan and prepare for this great event next spring!

Paula Windschitl,
LWMS Reporter

MLC Ladies Auxiliary

The 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting of the MLC Ladies Auxiliary is quickly approaching!

When: Wednesday, October 13, 2010

Where: MLC – Wittenberg Collegiate Center (Both registration & meeting location)

Time: 9:00 am registration / 9:30 am (prompt) meeting called to order

Events: Welcome by President Zarling, greeting from student President, acknowledgment from scholarship recipient, business meeting, worship with the students in the Chapel of the Christ including music by the women's choir, a power point presentation of projects and events from our 50 year history, skit, music by Susan Ann Lueneberg, and highlights from the fall play *Oklahoma!*

New this year: we are featuring a key note speaker, Mrs. Valerie Johnson of True North Ministries at the U of M campus.

- Babysitting will be available, no charge. Early Childhood students will supervise.
- The noon meal is available for purchase at the cafeteria with tickets on sale at registration.
- Attendees will receive a commemorative 50th Anniversary Booklet
- Food shelf contributions are welcome.
- Students will direct parking. Please enter from Summit Ave.
- RSVP's are encouraged and accepted after Sept. 1. Contact Paula Windschitl, local representative to RSVP.

Please plan to join us as we celebrate 50 years of God's grace in serving our college of ministry and its students, faculty and staff!

One other item to note: The financial structure of our Auxiliary has changed. Contributions should now be sent directly to the college instead of the Treasurer. It is very important to note that all contributions need to be clearly marked "LADIES AUXILIARY" for proper allocation. At this time a number of projects are still in need of funding. If you are moved to share your blessings with us to help fund our list of projects, please send any contributions to:

Martin Luther College
1995 Luther Court
New Ulm, MN 56073

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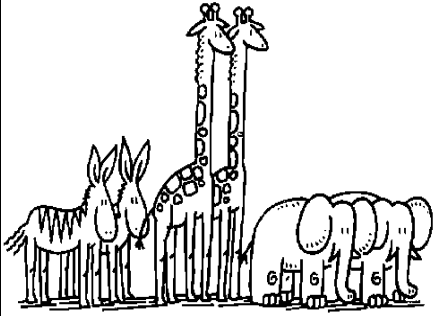
Please remember the college and its students in your prayers as preparations ensue for the upcoming school year.

Paula Windschitl,
MLC Ladies Aux. Pres.

WELS Kingdom Workers

Plan to join with other mission minded people at the New Ulm Country Club on Sunday, August 1st. This will be your opportunity to hear an update on the activities of the MN Valley Chapter of WKW. Contact people and others are encouraged to arrive at 4 pm for punch and snacks for a brief pre-meal presentation. The meal and official starting meeting time is 5 pm. RSVP by July 27th to LaDonna Rodewald at glrode@newulmtel.net or 507-354-5141.

Family Bible School



MANY THANKS to all those who put in the hard work, yet AWESOME opportunity of making this year's VBS a success! Pastor Draper, Colleen & Jessica Haag, Chelsey Kosmatka, Janet Crabtree, Jack & Judy Draper, Stanley Draper, Molly Maasz, Lauren Kosmatka, Monica Wellner, Stephanie Hammerschmidt, Shelby Hammerschmidt, and Char Zimmerman.... your work is truly appreciated! Without you, all those kids would not have been able to hear God's Word all week long, complete with fun, fellowship, crafts, music, and snacks!

Annual Corn Days Pie Sale

On Friday, August 20th St. John's Ladies Aid and Youth Group will once again be sponsoring the annual pie sale during Corn Days at Allison Park. The Ladies Aid and Youth Group use the proceeds for worthwhile projects. Last year over 70 pies were donated by St. John's members, with only a couple pieces left! \$565.20 were made in sales after Sleepy Eye Chamber deducted their percentage.

A sign up sheet for pie donations and willing workers can be found in back of church.

- One person from the Youth Group will be needed to accept the pies in the church basement beginning at 10:00am.
- One licensed driver is needed to transport them to Allison Park.
- Two youths are needed to take care of sales in the park. Tokens will be used, eliminating the use of money.
- Two or three adults are needed to cut and plate the pies.



Please sign up, it's lots of fun! Any ??'s contact Mary Ann Trebesch 794-6784.

**WATERMELON, WATERMELON,
GET YOUR FREE WATERMELON!**

Free Watermelon! Bring your friends, neighbors, relatives, and yourself to St. John's parking lot following the Corn Days Parade on Saturday, August 21st to enjoy some free watermelon! We hope this will give be an opportunity to introduce people to our church and school, to continue celebrating the 125th anniversary of our school, and a time to reach out to people in our community.

Want to Help? We will need help slicing and serving the watermelon, greeters (greet guests, give directions to restrooms, etc.), and clean-up help. We are also looking for donations of watermelon. We have ordered some from Schutz's Food, but could supplement those with garden-grown or purchased watermelons. Contact Mrs. Brown with questions and to volunteer - 359-3178 amber.brown@stjohnsse.com

St. John's Memorials

In Memory of Sallie Draper's father, Pete Wilson

Choir

Dave & Char Zimmerman

New School Fund

Milda Dey
Nori Houldson
Don & Laurie Halvorson
Harold & Bev Bartz
Leo & Marcia Derkowski
Kurt & Susan Lueneberg
Steve & Paula Windschitl
Gary & Karen Zastrow
Sallie's co-workers at WELS
Shorty & Mary Jane Haus
Todd & Jodie Marotz
Brad & LeAnn Berkner
Marlys Lochner
Doc & Marilyn Diebele
Neoma Schmid
Mary Ann Trebesch
Arnie & Arlene Hindermann
Armin & Leona Lendt
Kevin & Marilyn Leopold
Mike & Barb Lux
St. John's Ladies Aid
Chad & Amber Brown
Barry & Lisa Hillmann
Earl & Bev Altmann
Jim & Sarah Mielke
Greg & Mary Bartz
Rich & Connie Trebesch

In Memory of Judy Maasz's father, Rev. Marvin Putz

Choir

Dave & Char Zimmerman - \$5.00

St. John's Church

Pastor & Sallie Draper - \$10.00

In Memory of Anna Petermann by family

Organ Fund - \$45.00

Church - \$10.00

School - \$60.00

Debt - \$5.00