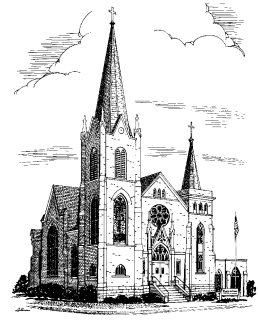


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Reflections on Christian Education

As we begin a new school year it seemed appropriate to reflect on the value of Christian Education. First, here are a few comments from a "Forward in Christ" article about one WELS pastor, Ralph Scharf, and his wife, Nettie. The Scharfs have 14 children, all of whom have attended a Lutheran elementary school and a Lutheran high school.

The Scharfs say they are thankful that all their children have been challenged and have received a firm foundation to succeed in any profession. Both of them have appreciated that over the years the students have had more opportunities for early hands-on ministry experience

Ralph says that while in grade school, "I began to understand that I, a sinner who deserved only God's punishment, had been chosen and called by God to be one of his children. I recall thinking, 'This is something special; there are billions who do not have that gift.' " And his hope of being able to thank God by serving as a pastor grew.

Whether they knew from little on or they were convinced by their experiences at LPS and MLC that the Lord was calling them to preach or teach (or serve him in another field), all of the Scharf children are living their lives in the same thankfulness to God.

It is truly a comfort to know that our children are hearing about their Savior not just at home, but also when they are at school. The children also recognize this blessing. We have this wonderful statement regarding the blessings of Christian education from the children of the Our Savior's Lutheran School on the Apache Indian Reservation in Arizona.

We have been taught to set goals in our life. We have been taught skills to prepare us for our life on earth, but we could get these skills in any public school. But here in our Lutheran school, we have been taught to seek the highest goal of all--eternal life in heaven. And to this goal we pray that we may all be faithful to the end of our days here on earth so that we may be with God forever in heaven.

There is no greater goal than heaven!

In Christ our Savior,
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 August 9, 2010

Present: Barry Hillmann, Van Tallman, Jim Mielke, Jerry Dittbenner, and Pastor Draper.

Pastor Draper opened the meeting with devotion and a prayer.

Barry Hillmann/Jim Mielke made a motion to accept the July minutes. Motion carried.

Barry Hillmann/Jim Mielke made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.
Principal and Board of Ed: St. John's School is going to have an After School Care Program at the cost of \$1.25 per half hour. This program is being headed up by Janet Crabtree and is in need of volunteers.

Worship Committee: The worship committee planned a Sunday service and picnic at Ft. Ridgely State Park on August 8 inviting area churches Morgan, Fairfax and Sanborn.

Maintenance Committee: The air conditioning in the office is fixed.

New Business: Pastor Draper reported school starts on August 23 and the enrollment is up to 26 for grades Pre-K – 5th. Jason Williams will be assisting Principal Draper with principal duties as well as shut-ins and Care Center devotions.

Jim Mielke/Jerry Dittbenner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The next church council meeting will be held September 7, 2010.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Barry Hillmann, Acting Secretary

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid met on Wednesday, August 4th at 2pm for their monthly meeting. President Marlys Lochner presided. Our devotion led by Pastor Draper was on a Miracle of Jesus as recorded in the Book of John 9:1-7, 34-38. In this miracle, Jesus heals a man blind from birth.

The members present at the meeting signed a card for Honorary Member Emilie Netzke who will celebrate her 100th birthday in August.

St. John's will be hosting the Spring Rally for LWMS on April 9, 2011. Plans for the rally will need to be made soon.

The MLC Auxiliary will be holding their 50th annual meeting on October 13th. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by September 1st.

The rummage sale proceeds amount to about \$800.00. The proceeds will be used for our school. Most of the remaining items were taken to the Treasure Haus.

Block 3 is up to serve.

Our next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Hosanna Circle. The meeting will be on Thursday evening, September 2nd at 7pm. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. Come join us!

Marilyn Deibele
Secretary

MLC Ladies Auxiliary 50th Anniversary – You are Invited!

The 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting of the MLC Ladies Auxiliary is quickly approaching. Plan to bring some friends and enjoy this jam-packed with your sisters in Christ! (Men are most welcome, too!)

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 woman'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. 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!

Paula Windschitl,
MLC Ladies Aux. Pres.

MN Valley Chapter of WELS Kingdom Workers

September opportunity canvassing

Who: Congregational members, new canvassers are always welcome.

What: Canvassing for St. Paul's North Mankato

When: Saturday, September 18 from 9:30am-2pm

Where: St. Paul's North Mankato
304 Monroe Ave., North Mankato
Meet in the Fireside Room

Schedule: 9:30am Meet for instructions
10-11am Canvass
12-1pm Lunch provided by the congregation with discussion to follow
1-1:45pm Canvass
1:45pm Wrap-up

Results of 2009 canvass for North Mankato: 1,000 home visited

Carpools are a good idea. Please contact St. Paul's North Mankato 507-345-7049 or www.stpaulsnorthmankato.com to give them an approximate number.

For more information contact Edie Ash 507-217-1721

We will never forget

September 11, 2010 marks the ninth anniversary of the attacks on the USA. The members of the Sleepy Eye: Legion, VFW, Honor Guard, and Auxiliaries, along with the Sleepy Eye Community, invite your your business or organization to join us in the commemoration by which we will honor and celebrate our service men and women of our country. Military families and veterans, as well as our community public servants, including our police officers, firemen, emergency medical technicians, and hospital health workers will also be honored.



Saturday, September 11
Sleepy Eye Serviceman's Club
Ceremony begins @ 5PM
Food and Musical Entertainment
till 10PM

For questions, contact Rick Mages @ 320-583-7442 or Jeremy Reinarts @ 507-276-5438.

INTRODUCING ITTY-BITTY SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Who? Children ages Birth-3years along with 1 adult (parent/grandparent)

When? 2nd and 3rd Sundays, 9:15am-10:15am

Where? School Basement Classroom (PK-K room)

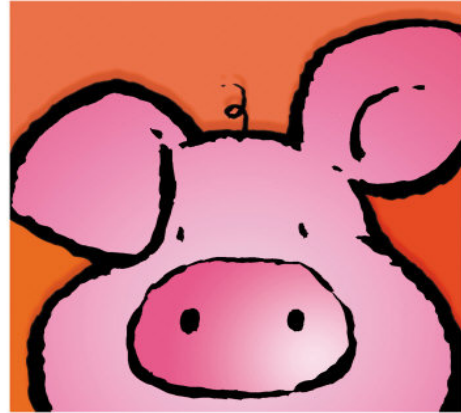
What? Children with their adult will participate in discovery time (free play), circle time (short Bible lesson, songs, prayer), snack, and more discovery time.

Why? Friendship building time for children and parents/grandparents of young children.

Opportunity for the Holy Spirit to work in the children's little hearts to grow big faiths through child-friendly Bible lessons and songs. One spouse attends IBSS while the other spouse and older siblings may attend Bible Class and Sunday School.



Contact Mrs. Brown or Miss Zastrow with any questions.



St. John's

Lutheran Church,

Sleepy Eye

Annual Hog Roast

Worship services @ 8am & 10:30am

Bible Study & Sunday School @ 9:15am

Sunday, Sept. 12th

11:30AM

Please join us for a day of faith, food and fellowship!