

# *Glad Tidings*

*from First German*

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## *GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT*

*Psalms 25:4-5 - "Show me Your ways, O LORD, teach me Your paths; guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long."*

Dear Members of First German,

A young pilot was in the air and had just passed the point of no return when the weather drastically changed for the worse. Visibility dropped to nearly zero in just a matter of a few seconds, as a thick fog descended to the earth. Putting total trust in the cockpit instruments was a new experience for him since the ink was barely dry on the certificate which verified that he was qualified for instrument flying.

It was the landing that worried him the most. His destination was a crowded metropolitan airport with which he wasn't familiar. In a few minutes he would be in radio contact with the tower, but until then, he was alone with his thoughts. Flying with no visibility, he became

aware of how easy it would be to panic. Twice he reached for the radio to broadcast, "Mayday," but instead, he forced himself to go over and over the words of his instructor. His instructor had practically forced him to memorize the flight manual. He hadn't been too happy about it at the time, but now he was very thankful.

Finally, he heard the voice of the air traffic controller. Trying not to sound too apprehensive, the young pilot asked for landing instructions. "I'm going to put you on a holding pattern," the controller responded. Great, thought the pilot. That will give me more time to worry about how I'm going to get this plane safely to the ground. Nevertheless, he knew his safe landing was in the hands of this person. He had to draw on his previous instruction and training, and simply trust the voice of this air traffic controller whom he could not see. The words of an old hymn, "Trust and obey for there's no other way," took on new meaning. Aware that this was no time for pride, he informed the controller, "This is not a seasoned pro up here. I'd appreciate any help you can give me."

"You've got it," he heard back.

For the next forty minutes, the controller gently guided the pilot through the blinding fog. As various course and altitude corrections came in from time to time, the pilot realized that the controller was skillfully guiding him around obstacles, and away from potential collisions. With the words of the flight manual firmly in his mind, and with the gentle voice of the controller in his ear, he landed safely at last.

Our Christian walk through this life is not much different. We need the Holy Spirit to guide us through the foggy maze of life and steer us clear of its unseen obstacles, much like that air traffic controller. Trying to go it on our own will only lead to potential collisions, and ultimately to an eternally fatal crash.

The young pilot had learned the important instructions contained in his flight manual. Our flight manual is the Word of God. The Holy Spirit guides us through our lives using the truths of Holy Scripture. Know your Bible well. Read it often. Meditate on it daily. And rely on the Holy Spirit to continually guide you in your understanding. "*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more*" (CW 331 v. 1).

In Christ,  
Pastor D. D. Rosenow



## MINISTRY ACTS

### New Members

- † Jim & Patrice Hartman  
Alexander, Elizabeth, Jonathan
- † Andrew Leonhard
- † Kevin Isaacson  
Brooklyn, Caitlyn, Isaiah

### Baptisms

- † Brielle Stecker
- † Ava Ording
- † Alexa Ratsimeuang
- † Owen Garcia

### Funerals

- † Mao Yang Lee
- † Yeupheng Kue
- † Marilyn Rosenbauer
- † Mel Kutchera
- † Glenn Daus



## REPEAT PERFORMANCE

### Resale Shop 5 Month Report

The 2010 average monthly receipts for Repeat Performance, minus expenses and mortgage payments, come to about \$10,000 to date. Approximately \$25,000 was given to MLHS General Fund and \$2,400 to MLHS Tuition Assistance Fund.

Our loan taken out on 6/13/08 for \$300,000 is now down to about \$130,000. Our money market account remains at \$10,000.

Donations and volunteer hours have made this all possible. However, volunteers are still needed in all aspects of our operation. We are working with a volunteer base that just barely covers the amount of hours needed to operate the store on a regular basis. We are especially lacking in enough volunteers to keep up with the daily task of sorting donations. Please consider committing to a certain numbers of hours as a cashier or day manager. Can't commit to a schedule??? Once trained, you may also work flexible hours of your choosing.

Remember, many hands make the task light...not to mention, more fun.

## ALTAR GUILD

Here is the schedule for communion helpers for the months of July and August. If you have any questions, give Mrs. Mrotek a call at 682-0839.

<u>July</u>	<u>Set-Up</u>	<u>Clean-Up</u>
<u>Thursday</u>	Doug Owen Jennifer Owen	Marilyn Baryenbruch - 7-8 Elaine Paschke - 7-8 Jill Schrimpf - 7-22 Alayna Hronek - 7-22
<u>Sunday</u>	Doug Owen Jennifer Owen	Ginny Dill Gwen Polc
<u>August</u>	<u>Set-Up</u>	<u>Clean-Up</u>
<u>Thursday</u>	Kathy Lahaie Lynn Senovich	Pam Opperman Delores Korte
<u>Sunday</u>	Kathy Lahaie Lynn Senovich	Marilyn Anklam Jean Slaby

### Communion Linens

Cynthia Nass for July  
Betty Heinzen for August



## *LETTER FROM LUTHER*

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, the Lutheran Church celebrated its 480<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was on June 25, 1530, that nine Lutheran princes lined up and presented the *Augsburg Confession* at the Diet of Augsburg in Germany. A “diet” was a meeting of all the leaders of the Holy Roman Empire. The Emperor had called the diet to settle disputes in the church and to unify the people against the Muslim Turks. It was impossible for anyone to imagine a unified military front without a unified religious one.

But Lutherans were not about to set aside the Truth for military purposes. This was the *first public confession* of what all Lutherans believed and taught. This was the *confession of the laymen*. It wasn't pastors and professors standing before the Emperor that day. It was Lutheran laymen—men who stood on God's Word and said they would rather have their heads chopped off than forsake the truth. When his turn came, each Lutheran prince signed his name at the end of the Augsburg Confession. It was the legal basis for Lutheranism in an empire that didn't have religious freedom.

Take a moment and say a prayer of thanksgiving for those Lutheran laymen. Thank God that, in every age, there have been men and women of courage who stand on the Word of Christ, the word of forgiveness and grace, the word of love and eternal life. Thank God for birthdays!

Our “*Letter from Luther*” is an actual portion of a letter he wrote, just days after the Augsburg Confession was presented.

*Dear Christians,*

“I am tremendously pleased to have lived to this moment when Christ, by his staunch confessors, has publicly been proclaimed in such a great assembly by means of this really most beautiful confession. And so the Word is fulfilled: “I spoke of your testimonies in the presence of kings” (Psalm 119:46) — what follows next in that verse will also be fulfilled: “And I was not put to shame.” For Jesus (who doesn't lie!) said, “*Whoever confesses me before men, him I also shall confess before my Father in heaven*” (Matthew 10:32).

*Resting in Christ,*

*Martin Luther*



## *STEWARDSHIP*

*Psalm 122:1 - I rejoice with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”*

Well the summer is finally upon us, time to do yard work, work on projects (like putting a retaining wall in), go on vacation and hopefully find time to relax and enjoy this wonderful time of year. One thing we can not forget is that Christ gave us this awesome time of year and we must not forget to thank him for all the blessings he has bestowed on us. Please remember to attend church on a regular basis and while you are not at church use your God given time, talents and treasures to help bring more people to Christ.

I live on South 9<sup>th</sup> street and have a view of Lake Michigan. Every morning I wake up and look out the window at the rising sun and say a prayer, thanking God for bringing me through the night and to bless my day. Where ever you may be in your life take the time to say a prayer, even if it is a simple one to say thanks for all God has given you. It's a great way to start the day!

On Monday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of June, we had a congregational meeting to approve the Ministry Plan and elect officers. Please give your input and show you care about the congregation and where we are headed in the future.

Please remember to sign up to be a greeter and check out the helping hands board. These are just a couple ways to be a part of the church. Be safe and have a great summer!

Respectfully submitted,

*Greg Haupt, Director  
Board for Stewardship*

## *SYNOD NEWS*

### **“WELS Relief” Provides Aid After Storm**

The WELS Committee on Relief has followed up on requests from congregations in Oklahoma and Tennessee for relief grants, allocating funds to those in these storm-ravaged areas. Twenty-nine tornadoes touched down in Oklahoma on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Although all WELS members escaped safely, some members of Holy Cross, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, did sustain considerable property damage. On May 24<sup>th</sup>, the Committee on Relief met with the church council to work on a damage assessment and relief response plan. The Committee on Relief allocated a total of \$25,000, which is being distributed among 12 members. Scott Peters, council president at Holy Cross, says, “My congregation and I would like to thank Pastor Harmon Lewis and Mark Vance with the Committee on Relief for taking the time to travel to our location and help with our relief effort. We know that they are working with congregations in Tennessee, and we’d like to extend our prayers to those folks also.”

On May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, rivers flooded after 13.5 inches of rain fell in Tennessee. The homes of WELS members in four congregations throughout the state suffered extensive water damage. Rev. Bill Werth, pastor at Abiding Faith, Smyrna, Tennessee, reports one family in the congregation had 13 inches of water on their main floor and five feet in their garage.

In addition to Abiding Faith, members from these WELS congregations were affected — Beautiful Savior, Clarksville; Christ our Savior, Columbia; and Rock of Ages, Madison; all in Tennessee. The Committee on Relief granted all requests for a total response of \$12,500. To learn more go to [www.wels.net/relief](http://www.wels.net/relief).



## *LUTHERAN SCHOOL*

Congratulations to all the graduates this year, both the kindergarten and eighth graders. I wish them God’s blessings in their transition to high school next year. Work is progressing in the transforming Mr. Menk’s classroom into the new Pre-School room and moving Mr. Menk into a shared room with Mr. Leckwee. Tentatively there will be painting done at the end of June. I hope we have a good turn out for this. Remember many hands make a lot of work easy.

At our next Board meeting we will be looking further into our school handbook for necessary changes needed for the up-coming school year. May the Lord bless all members of First German this summer and remember to feed your soul on a regular basis by attending church, receiving the Lord’s Supper and attending one of First German’s Bible Classes.

In Christ's service,

*Allen Liermann, Director  
Board for Lutheran Schools*

## *HMONG NEWS*

I spent this month visiting many in need and offering prayers and comfort. I preached at Mao Yang’s funeral from June 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> and for Yeupheng Kue’s funeral from June 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>. Please continue to pray for the Hmong members of First German.

*Pastor Nau X. Lee*

## *PARISH EDUCATION*

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with Vacation Bible School (August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>) and the Fabulous Family Fun Night (August 6<sup>th</sup>). We are still in need of a few items:

- + Individually wrapped candy for VBS and Fun Night. If you would like to donate, please put them under the VBS table in the church lobby.
- + Door prizes for the Fabulous Family Fun Night. Any donations can be place under the VBS table in the church lobby.
- + This entire week of outreach to our community is not funded by the First German budget. We depend on the generosity of our congregation members to make this possible. Please consider a monetary donation by:
  1. Giving a donation to Dennis Leckwee, our LES principal.
  2. Making a donation at the door offerings to be held on July 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.
- + If you have any questions about VBS/Fun Night or would like additional information, please contact Karen Wordell, Joel Ungemach, or Pastor Schaefer.

*Joel Ungemach, Director  
Board for Parish Education*

## *PICNIC RECAP*

The Picnic Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make this year picnic a success. A special thank you to the Evening Circle for the potato salad and baked beans and to Ladies Aid for serving the dessert. Any recommendations to make next year's picnic better, please submit them to mailbox 192. Thank you.

*Russell Holschbach  
Picnic Coordinator*

## *LUTHERAN PIONEERS*

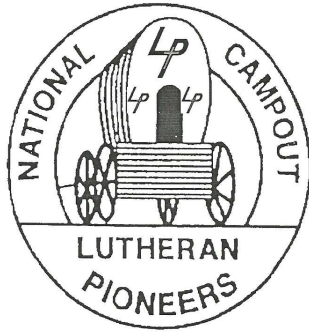
On Achievement night, Jeff Schwede announced that he will not be working with the Pioneer program in the future. Jean Schwark will also not be working on a regular basis because of health issues. We thank both of them for many years of service.

We will need adult leaders to step in to fill the void. The cost of belonging to the National Lutheran Pioneer has become quite expensive (\$455.00 for the boys and \$17.00 per girl). We need to determine whether to continue to pay these fees or drop the Pioneer name and conduct our own independent ministry for the children.

We will have a meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, to discuss these and other matters pertaining to our Pioneer Ministry here at First German. We will begin with a light supper at 5:30 p.m. in the Heritage Hall. All families interested in the Pioneer Ministry are invited to attend. We will furnished grilled burgers, brats and weiners. We ask that each family attending bring a salad or dessert for the meal. After the meal children can play outdoors (with supervision) while the adults plan the ministry program for the coming year.

Please respond to the Schwarks (684-5892) or leave a note in church mailbox 420 by July 11<sup>th</sup>, so we can plan for meat. The future of our Lutheran Pioneer Ministry will be determined by your response. Thank you for your consideration.





# Lutheran Pioneer Camp

In about a month Lutheran Pioneers will be holding their 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Camp LP. This year's week-long camp will be a return to our roots. The first Camp LP was held in 1985 at Pine Ridge Campground. This year we return to Pine Ridge. Much has changed since that first camp. Today Pine Ridge has cabins, shower facilities, a functional kitchen and resident caretakers in addition to the small lake, canoeing area, archery range and open areas that were there 25 years ago.

The camp is located near Waldo, WI. (Yes I can hear the question, "Where's Waldo?"). Dates are July 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> for a full week and July 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> for a half week. You do not have to be involved in a Lutheran Pioneer group to attend. The camp is open to all boys who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or higher. We also welcome dads, grandpa and other adults to join us for all or part of the week. If you would like more information or to register for camp go to:

<http://www.lpminc.org/2010campbooklet.pdf> or e-mail us at [lpoffice@tds.net](mailto:lpoffice@tds.net) or call us at 262-534-5124.



## LANCER NEWS

**FREE Kids From Wisconsin Tickets.** One of our Lakeshore Lutheran Schools has been given 30 free tickets to the *Kids from Wisconsin* performance on July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol Civic Centre in downtown Manitowoc. Anyone interested in tickets, first come first serve, please contact Lance Waage at 863-2850 or [principal\\_sjm@charter.net](mailto:principal_sjm@charter.net).

**Feature-The-Bleachers.** 20 of the 300 "seats" to replace MLHS' gymnasium bleachers this summer have been purchased via donations! THANK YOU! Challenges have been extended to fully or partially match donations from the classes of '60, '69, '72, '75, '83, '87, '89, '90, and '01! If you would like to purchase a "seat", or make a donation in honor or memory of someone, please contact MLHS by June 21<sup>st</sup>. Progress toward this effort can be seen on our website, [www.mlhslancers.com](http://www.mlhslancers.com).

**MLHS Middle School Band.** Registrations are due July 15<sup>th</sup> for those in grades 5 - 8 this fall interested in joining the MSB Program as beginners. Forms were given to the students in May at their respective schools, but new forms can be requested by contacting Mrs. Schmill at 684-2807 x395 or [rmschmill@mlhslancers.com](mailto:rmschmill@mlhslancers.com). **Beginner Band Night** will be in mid-August. **Returning** band students should return their forms by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Last Call - Property for Sale.** MLHS has received a wonderful donation of a residential lot on the north side of Manitowoc. We would like to give the first opportunity to purchase this lot to members of our Federation prior to being made available to the public in June. Please contact MLHS Development Director Scott Reinhard at 242-9204 with questions or for information.

**MLHS "STuFF" (Sell To Federation Families) Sale.** MLHS will have a surplus "stuff" sale open to the Federation on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Items will include furnishings, tools, and equipment - large & small - that MLHS can no longer use. The sale will be held in the commons, with prices of whatever you think it is worth to you! Bring the neighbors and helps us clean out.



## *EVANGELISM*

The Board for Evangelism wants to help you serve your Lord Jesus and reach out to your friends and neighbors. Listed below are some things we are planning to help you do just that.

1. **Prospect List:** In the past month, the members of the Board have been calling people on our prospective member list. We are trying to find out who's interested in First German. If you know someone who's interested in being a member or just learning more about Jesus, let me know or speak to one of our pastors. We are here to help you.
2. **Thank You Bags:** With the use of our Friendship Registers in the pews, we are now recognizing visitors to our worship services more regularly. Every visitor to our church from the Manitowoc area (who isn't a WELS member) receives a gift bag. The bags were made by a few ladies at a "Ladies Craft Night". Inside the bag is a bottle of water, a First German mug, a First German pen, a Scriptural bookmark, and cocoa mix. Invite a friend to church and ask them when they got their bag.
3. **Beach Clean Up:** We have a simple way for you to help others and get out in the community: beach clean up in our area. Our member, Greg Haupt, will meet with the city supervisor on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more info in the coming weeks.
4. **New Member Board:** We have some new members to be thankful for! Look on the new member board in the church lobby and greet these new members with a smile.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ron Ronski, Director  
Board for Evangelism*

## *MANITOWOC LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL*

The 2010 – 2011 school year will be a milestone for MLHS. It will mark the 55<sup>th</sup> year of operation. For 55 years God has blessed the area young people with the opportunity to receive a high quality education in a Christian atmosphere—worshiping God every day, being taught by Christian teachers. A celebration banquet will be held on March 26, 2011, at the Holiday Inn — Manitowoc. The entire Federation and all alumni will be invited to attend. More details will follow as the day gets closer.

A Phase 3 Capital Appeal is being proposed to be up and running by the summer of 2011. The goals will be to pay off of current debt of \$1.25 million (that's the projected balance at the end of the coming school year) and address the next phase of facility needs. An exploratory committee will be meeting this summer to develop Phase 3 recommendations to be presented to the Federation.

The MLHS website is being redesigned and should be up and running in July. A Lakeshore Lutheran League web site is also being designed at the same time.

The Manitowoc Lutheran High School Endowment Fund is another long-term blessing for our school. It provides ongoing assistance for the school's operating budget, tuition assistance, and worker training. The total contributions for this past school year were over \$64,000.

Sports activities happen throughout the summer. In June the boys and girls basketball camps were held, as were poms tryouts. The boys wrestling camp is held the second full week of this month. The week after, the girls' volleyball camp, and in the last week of July, the grade school and Lancer football camps are held.

*Mark Fischer  
Lead Delegate*





All Ages Welcome!  
 Bring Your  
 Whole Family  
 for

***Fabulous  
 Friday Fun Night***

Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>  
 6-8 p.m.



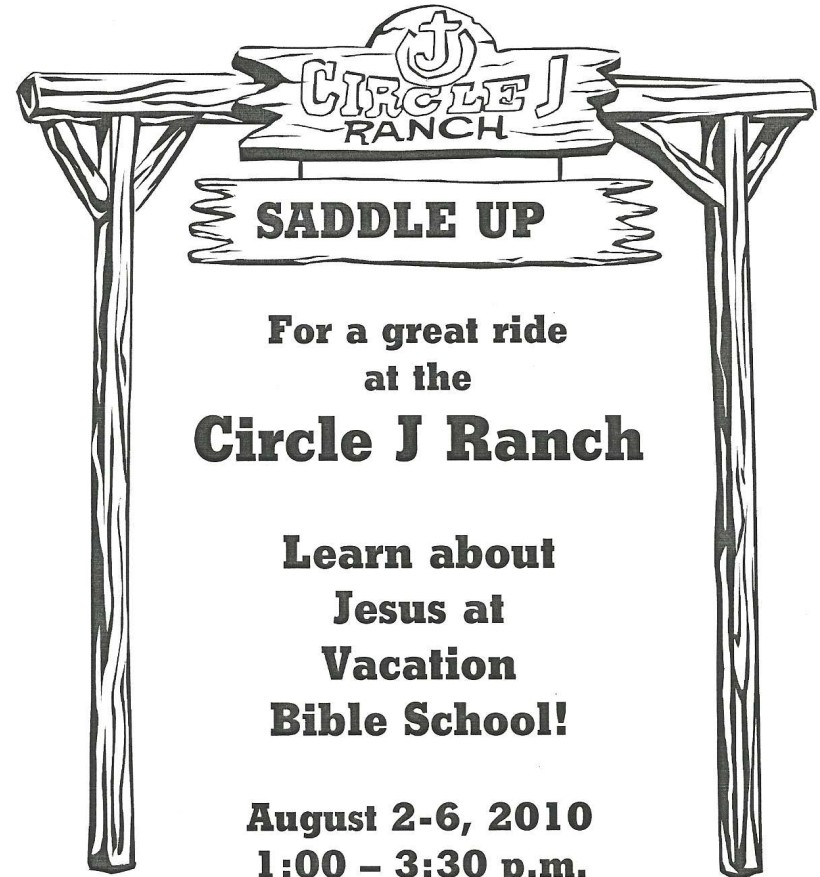
Carnival Games,  
 Mini Golf, Bounce House,  
 & Face Painting



Door Prizes, Food, & Fun

Musical Entertainment by:  
*The Artesian WELS*  
 (6:30-7:30)

*For Free Family Fun, Join Us  
 in the First German Lutheran Church Parking Lot.  
 All Ages Welcome!*



For a great ride  
 at the  
**Circle J Ranch**

**Learn about  
 Jesus at  
 Vacation  
 Bible School!**

**August 2-6, 2010  
 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

**First German Ev. Lutheran  
 Church & School**

*Located on the corner of S. 8<sup>th</sup> and Marshall St.*

**684-0101**

**Call the church office to register all children entering Preschool  
 (age 4) through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Everyone is Welcome! Free of Charge!**