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Give Thanks

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits — Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns your life with love and compassion, Who satisfies your desires with good things so that your strength is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed (PSALM 103:1-6)

What kinds of things do you include in your prayers? When you talk to God, what do you say? If you are anything like me, you spend much of the time in the "give me" category. We ask the Lord for

many things in our lives. We go to Him for the basics - food, clothing, shelter, etc. We go to Him with special requests: help my sick friend, help me find a job, give me strength to make it through my difficult time. These are all important things. The Lord wants us to go to Him with all of our requests. There is nothing too big or too small for the Lord to handle. He tells us in His Word, *Whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give it to you (John 16:23).*

Our Lord has the power and the desire to give us everything that is for our good. As we look around ourselves, we see that the Lord has richly blessed us. He has given us everything we could ever want and more. He has given us physical blessings...but all the more importantly spiritual blessings!

How do we react when the Lord blesses us? Do we include that reaction in our prayers? The Psalmist

praised God for forgiveness of sins, protection of life, His love and compassion. Remember to pray, PRAISE, and GIVE THANKS! Do it at your daily meal table. Do it when you rise and when you retire at night. Do it with your fellow saints! Another psalmist wrote: *I will declare Your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise You.....From You comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear You will I fulfill my vows (Psalm 22:22, 25)*

The upcoming holiday season offers special opportunity to thank and praise God for both our material blessings and the ultimate blessing of His Son, sent to be our Savior. May your appreciation of all God's blessing overflow with private and corporate worship! There follows our holiday season schedule for God's saints coming together to worship in the enthusiastic spirit of the psalmists quoted above.

Special points of interest:

- Holiday Schedule
- What our groups are doing!
- What the school is doing!

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Holiday Schedule

Thanksgiving: Wednesday, November 22-7:00 pm
Thursday, November 23-9:00 am

Advent: Wednesday, December 13-7:00 pm

Christmas: 10:00 am Christmas Eve Sunday morn
10:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight
10:00 am Christmas Day Service

New Year's: 10:00 am New Year's Eve Sunday morn
7:00 pm New Year's Eve Communion



Did You Know.....

- Christian Christmas Cards are for sale by Ladies Guild?
- All occasion Cards are also for sale? (Check out the shelf by the Office Door.)
- Adult Bible Class on Sundays now meets in the Fellowship Area?
- Numerous articles and bulletins are posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Area?
- "FEE, FI,FO,FUM!" is the fall play at West Lutheran with performances on November 10 & 11 at 7 pm?
- Christmas Concert at West Lutheran High School is Tuesday, December 12 at 7:30 pm?

Women of the Word (WOW)

A women's Bible Study group for learning and growing in God's Word has started at Brooklyn Lutheran. We are meeting the first, third and fifth Mondays of every month at 7 pm. We have an informal discussion with our topic "Women of the Bible". Specific information will be updated and posted on the informational bulletin board in the fellowship area. Come, be a part of this new opportunity for study and fellowship in God's Word.

Brooklyn Lutheran Choir

We continue to meet every Wednesday at 7 pm. We celebrated Reformation last Sunday by singing the praise, "O God, Our Lord". The choir will sing at the Thanksgiving Eve Service on November 22. We are in preparation for the Christmas Season and will be singing for the Advent Service on Wednesday, December 13 and on Sunday, December 17. A Quartet may be singing

for the Christmas Eve Service on December 24. The choir is a wonderful opportunity for worship and praise of our Lord and Savior. We are always accepting new members so please come and join us.

Sunday School

The first week of Sunday School was held this fall on September 10th. There are eleven students enrolled in Sunday School. The average Sunday attendance since the first day of Sunday School is eight students.

The "Christ Light" Series material published by our Synod is being used again this year with the New Testament being studied.

Sunday School Staff:

Preschool/Kindergarten

Katie Koch & Stephanie Smith

Grades 1-2-3 — Cindy Boyd

Grades 4-5-6-7— Sara Posorske
Coordinator/Substitute

Betty Tommerdahl-Dickinson

Music — Jean Holub

The Sunday School students will have their annual Christmas Service on Sunday, December 24 at 10:00 am during the regular Church Service. (There is one Service that morning). Again this year the Sunday School will be having a mitten tree in the commons area to collect mittens, scarves, gloves and hats for CEAP. This will start the week end after Thanksgiving and run through Sunday, December 17

Ladies Guild

The purpose of the Ladies Guild is to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to serve Him in His Church, and to promote Christian Fellowship.

Membership is open to all ladies of the congregation.

One major-ongoing project of the Guild is the furnishing, care and upkeep of the kitchen.

Upon request we assist with congregational functions:

- Funeral lunches
- Special dinners

Special services include offering greeting cards, religious stickers and misc. Christian items.

We also maintain the altar communion, candles, pew cleaning, flowers and any miscellaneous requests.

Come and check us out the first Tuesday of the month.

Prayer Chain

So far in 2006 we have had 49 prayer requests. This doesn't include someone who was on the prayer chain more than once during the same illness or situation. The prayer chain is available to everyone. One word of caution. The person to be put on the prayer chain must give their consent to their being identified on the prayer chain. We want to honor people's right to privacy. There are two different ways to receive the prayer request on the chain. We have the e-mail members and telephone members. Consider joining. No membership fees, just prayers. All that is necessary is to include these people in your prayers. Also, consider including the members of the prayer chain in your personal prayers. Contact Bonnie Johnson at 763-427-0448 for more information.

The best way to remember people is in prayer.



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This is the first of our quarterly newsletters, which will be published in November, February, May, and August. It will be on the Web, e-mailed or put in the boxes so everyone should be able to get one somehow.

If you have something that you would like to put in the Newsletter, write it up and hand it to Pastor or someone in the office. It may be edited!

We would like to see an article from each of the groups: Bible Class, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class, WOW, Ladies Guild, Church Council, Choir, West Lutheran, Brooklyn Bridge School and any others that would be applicable for the congregation to keep up with.

Our goal is to keep the congregation informed!

Every day I go to school, and every day I am amazed at all the blessings God gives this school. There has been so much going on this fall. Mrs. Budach wasn't in the office during September and we definitely missed her. We'd like to thank everyone who came in during the school day to help us out by answering phones, and giving information to prospective families.

Two more changes for this year have been adding a Kindergarten, and losing a classroom aid. Both of those things have kept Sharon and I very busy this fall. As we start November, I can see how God has always been there for us. We have five preschool classes, just as we had last year, and the preschool has around 55 students. Kindergarten began this year with four students.

The students in Kindergarten are having a spectacular time, learning their letters, beginning to read, and learning about the world around them. They even went on a field trip. They were able to visit the historical Oliver Kelley Farm in Elk River. Mrs. Cannon and Mrs. Weggel provided transportation. The history

they saw, and the farm work they experienced is something they'll never forget. And don't forget about all the animals they saw! A special favorite was the mother pig and her piglets.

Preschool was also learning about farms at this time. We started out the theme by building a scarecrow. We carved a pumpkin and looked inside of it. We learned about animals, the difference between hay and straw, and even what sorts of food might grow on a farm. Mr. Carstensen brought a bird's nest and caterpillar in for us to learn from, but I think the highlight of the theme was the tractor he brought for us to climb on.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Brooklyn Bridge Harvest Fair a success! It was quite a sight, having around 130 people in our commons area. Children were dressed in all sorts of costumes, but I liked best the smiles the parents and the congregations members were wearing.



We gave out 55 bags to children of all ages and over 600 prizes! We couldn't have done it without your generous donations of candy and trinkets. Thank you again, to all the people who took the time out of their evening to come and run all of the different areas. And finally, thanks to everyone who has given gifts to be matched by Thrivent. They will be matching us with \$1600.

God has truly blessed our work here at Brooklyn Bridge School.

In Christ,
Katie Koch and
Sharon Kurtzahn