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**WEST LUTHERAN  
HIGH SCHOOL**

The theme for this coming school year is "From Generation to Generation" based on Psalm 145:4. Opening service will be held Tuesday, September 1 at 8:15am in the main gym. Rev. Barlow from Cross Lutheran Church in Rockford will be preaching. Everyone is invited to attend. School will start for all students on Tuesday, September 1. Enrollment this year stands at 165. Registrations for the 2009-10 school year are still being accepted. Call the school office at 763-509-9378 for more information.

Coming events at West Lutheran:

- Grandparents Day-Friday, September 18. Students can invite their grandparents to attend for the morning.
- 30th anniversary and All-School Reunion is being held the weekend of October 2-4, including a service of celebration on Sunday, October 4. Visit the website (www.wlhs.net) for detailed information.
- Spaghetti Supper and Concert-Tuesday, October 13.
- West Lutheran Dinner Auction-Saturday, October 24.
- Veteran's Day Celebration-Wednesday, November 11.

After many years of service, Mike Boyd is taking time off from the Board of Re-

gents. Pastor Holub continues on the Board, as he has most of the ten years he has been at Brooklyn Lutheran. We thank Mike for representing our church and the best interest of West students these many years. Don't be surprised to see him back on the board as soon as the school constitution allows! Pastor Holub has taken Mike's place on the Instruction Committee of Regents. The board meets monthly during the school year. Monthly committee meetings and occasional specially called meetings are common.



we get ready to welcome a new group of families into our ministry here at Brooklyn Bridge School. Our first days of school is Tuesday, September 1st. With 35 students in 4 classes we are almost full and expect to have all classes full by the end of September.

Over the next few months we will have a number of things going on. The Minnesota District Teacher's Conference will be held October 15—16 in New Ulm. It's a great time to get together

*Mission Statement*



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glory of God.***

with other WELS and ELS teachers around the state.

October 30th is the date set for our annual Harvest Party. Everyone is invited. If you have ideas for some new games or you would like to help in some way, please contact Miss Koch as soon as possible.

Would you be willing to come in and help with a project? Would you like to read a story to the children? Do you enjoy cutting things out to get projects ready? There are all sorts of ways that you can help at the school.

Miss Koch collects a variety of recyclable things for art projects all year long. Egg cartons, paper towel tubes, netting from bags of oranges, Christmas card fronts, packing peanuts, miscellaneous craft items, even water bottles are all things that can be used. We also have a bird feeder outside that will be needing seed to refill it, and we have adopted the goldfish remaining from Vacation Bible School.

Stop in sometime and take a look at the bulletin boards and art projects that the children are working on. What a blessing it is to share Jesus with these little ones!

**Brooklyn Ev. Lutheran Church**



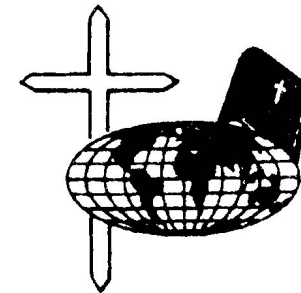
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*Quarterly Newsletter—Fall, 2009*



**SEND ME! SEND ME!**  
*Then I heard the voice of the Lord  
saying, "Whom shall I send?  
And who will go for us?"  
And I said, "Here am I. Send  
me!" (Isaiah 6:8)*

Part of kicking off the new school year at Brooklyn Lutheran will be our Mission Festival to which we look forward to on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Leon Piepenbrink will be our guest speaker. He hopes to bring along a Hmong layman from the St. Paul congregation to share with us about Hmong culture and history. Perhaps the Hmong ministry we had been given hope would start from our church this summer will get under way this fall. A Hmong student in pastoral training, God willing, will be working part time out of an office in our church basement. What we were told is that he would work independent of any physical aid from our members. Brooklyn Lutheran people are off the hook on "Send me! Send me!" for that one.....

How many of us have had chills up and down our spine from singing the mission hymn with its verse: *Hark! The voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today.....?"* We feel the impulse to cry out, "Send me! Send me!" We envision some great exotic

tropical sandy beach landing after which you or I would gladly go about the rewarding work of winning scores of souls to Christ and eternal life. Quickly the reality hits us that such a venture is only a pipe dream.

Is there no alternative? Yes, there is. It's hard work and hardly exotic work, but just as rewarding work – winning souls for Christ right here in our Brooklyn Park neighborhood. The Vision Task Force will be wrapping up their grueling work as quickly as possible in the weeks ahead. The next step is for committees to strategize implementation of the vision the VTF has drawn up from what our own members envisioned in the Listening Sunday sessions.

The implementation needs to involve more than directing the activity of the pastor, the church office, and a few key leaders of the congregation. There will be some great ideas put forth, but who is going to carry them out?! Once upon a time in an Aesop Fable, a little mouse suggested that

to stop the cat from quietly pouncing on those of their number, that a bell be placed around the neck of the cat. All the mice agreed that it was a great idea. Problem number one – who was going to do it?! Likewise, we can come up with all kinds of great ideas to advance the Kingdom work at Brooklyn Lutheran. Soon we will need a full congregation committed to getting the job done. It might not be as dangerous as a mouse trying to put a bell around the neck of a cat, but our struggle is against a powerful, lion like Satan. The world will be no friend to our efforts, and we will fight the impediment of our own human flesh.

The most important One to say "Send Me! Send Me!" was the second person of the Trinity to His Father when a world of lost sinners needed redemption. May Jesus' loving life and death in service to us inspire many at Brooklyn Lutheran to respond "Send me! Send me!" to fulfill the tasks of the challenges before us.

**FALL SUNDAY MORNING STARTUPS**

*Our fall service and education schedule begins September 13th.*

- ♦ **WORSHIP** 10:00 Sundays  
\* *We allow God to speak to us from His Word and respond with our prayers and praises!*



- **SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:45 - 9:45am**  
\* *Bible Stories, Singing, Memorizing God's Word.*
- **ADULT and TEEN BIBLE CLASS 8:55 - 9:45AM**  
\* *Studying and learning God's Word.*

### MISSION FESTIVAL

Mission Festival will be held Sunday, September 27. Pastor Piepenbrink will be our speaker. A potluck will follow the Service.

### GENESIS BIBLE HISTORY CLASS

We will offer two Adult Bible Classes this fall. One will be topical led by Pastor. A second will serve as a fine review of the book of Genesis, with adult applications to daily life. It will also aid our parents in reviewing the lessons with the children of our Sunday School, who will have the same lesson week by week. The lessons to be covered include:

The Creation of the World  
Adam & Eve's Fall into Sin  
The World-wide Catastrophic Flood  
God Calls Abraham to Go to Canaan  
God Promises Abraham a Son

God Tests Abraham's Faith  
Jacob Tricks Esau for Father's Blessing  
Jacob Serves Laban in Haran  
Joseph Is Sold by His Brothers.  
Joseph Becomes Ruler of Egypt  
Joseph Tests His Brothers  
Jacob Brings His Family to Egypt  
Moses Commits Murder and Leaves Egypt

**Do you remember all these stories well?!** Chances are it would be a good review! And as always, expect God the Holy Spirit's blessing on your looking into His Word! Duke Carstensen will teach this class.

### BUILDING AND GROUNDS

This update for building and grounds will be quite short, just like our lawn. The mowing crews have had a few breaks in grass cutting due to our lack of rain. We always make sure the grass in front of the church and sides is cut to keep our property looking good. All the weeds have been treated so our parking lot is very neat and tidy.

In the fall (October) we will once again have another Saturday cleanup and would appreciate volunteers to get our property ready for winter. Did I say winter, don't worry we still have over three months of beautiful weather in front of us before the snow and cold come our way. Enjoy the rest of your summer and the fall colors.

Guy Schimenz

### LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild is a study/fellowship/service organization. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month. We recessed for the summer so our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 1. All women are welcome.

The executive board for Guild met and decided on I Peter 4: 8-11 as our focus for the year with our main theme being "Serve Others Faithfully". Pastor's devotions will center around these verses. Several special events are being planned for the women of our congregation to include a guest speaker and craft projects. Bring more ideas to our next Guild meeting. We are looking forward to a busy, exciting year.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, September 13 will be the first Sunday of Sunday School. The staff for the upcoming school year will be Cindy Boyd, Katie Koch, Jean Holub and Betty Tommerdahl-Dickinson. Betty will also serve as Sunday School coordinator. Duke Carstensen will serve as leader of a new adult version of Genesis Bible History lessons. Pastor Holub will lead a topical Adult Bible Class.

This year the Sunday Staff and Pastor will be visiting the homes and pre-register the students They will also provide information regarding the new Bible Class that will coordinate with the Sunday School lessons. Anyone (especially the parents) may register for this class. Thirteen students are expected to enroll in Sunday School. The students will be divided into three groups and will study the Old Testament this year. Students will be memorizing the Ten Commandments and their meanings. Each student who memorizes the Books of the Bible, will receive a Bible. Every Sunday, we will begin with devotion and singing in the chapel promptly at 8:45 a.m. We are trying a program to promote timely arrival of the students. There will be a grab bag prize after each calendar month for the children who arrived on time each week of the month.

The Sunday School Department

needs one more teacher. If you are interested in teaching or team teaching a class, please talk to Betty Tommerdahl-Dickinson or Pastor Holub.

### CHOIR

If you like to sing and want to be part of a fun group, Brooklyn Lutheran Church Choir is for you. Rehearsals begin on **Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00**. We always have a great time and would love to have you join us. Come and see what its all about!

### DEVOTE YOURSELF TO PRAYER

#### PRAYER GETS RESULTS

Prayer causes God's perfect will to be accomplished here on earth. Prayer is communicating with God, simply talking with God. When you fail to communicate with God it leads to a lack of understanding of God. Prayer is intended to bring about results. Prayer equipped Jesus with strength and power to go to the cross. Prayer gave Jesus the strength and power needed to complete the task given to Him by His Father. Therefore, prayer will equip us (you and I) with all the strength, power, wisdom and insight we need to complete our task/assignment in life. Prayer is essential to fulfill and know our purpose. Prayer connects us to the power of God. Prayer is designed to get results. What a wonderful gift. It is so easy and simple. All we have to do is pray/talk with God. As of the end of July 2009 there have been 33 prayer requests given to the prayer chain. If you have a prayer request contact Bonnie Johnson, 763-427-0448. Never underestimate the power of prayer.

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School was held at Brooklyn Lutheran Church Monday through Friday, August 10-14, with the theme **Dive In!** to God's saving Word with an exciting journey to the ocean! As they visited the deep waters, they learned interesting new things about some of God's incredible sea creatures, including the black dragonfish, porcupine fish, sand dol-

lar, sea anemone, and dolphin. The characteristics of these fantastic creatures helped students make visual connections to the main points of the Bible lessons. Interactive activities, theme-related crafts, and music were also part of this exciting five-day program. **It was oceans of fun!** Thanks to all of our volunteers: Cindy Boyd, Duke Carstensen, Jovy Cheam, Kelli DeShaw, Heather Holub, Jean Holub, Pastor Holub, Katie Koch, Lydia Kroh, and Jessica McCoy. Thanks to the DeShaws for the donation of cookies.

The VBS Closing was very inspiring. We had a wonderful group of children and parents attending. The children sang a number of songs that they learned during the week and discussed the stories that were presented each day. Many stayed for the picnic afterwards. This was a great opportunity to develop friendships with those people that don't regularly attend worship here.

#### MEN'S SOFTBALL

Our church's softball team ended its season with a tournament in August. There were no trophies this year but the games added a lot of enjoyment to our Monday evenings. Thank you for another year of softball. If you know of someone who would like to play softball next year, please contact Andrew Boyd at 612.720.8973.

#### 50 YEARS OF BLESSINGS

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, BELC held the fourth of its five celebrations to commemorate the 50 years of blessings that God has bestowed upon BELC. The honorees at the altar on Sunday all combined celebrated over 150 years of marriage. While the service recognized the marriages of the couples from BELC, also acknowledged were couples married at other locations, singles, widows, and widowers. Special honorees were Mary and John Lippert who were united during a Sunday service 40 years ago. While I had the honor of being at that wedding many other long term members can say that as well. The marriage came at the end of the service and I remember being told that this was a

tradition that dated back many years in the church. The bride was the daughter of Pastor Dorn. I have always remembered the uniqueness of that service and it was very nice to see them again.

After a very nice service honoring the couples present, a "reception" was held in the commons area where cake and punch were served. This was very appropriate since many weddings, ours included, celebrated their union that way. We thank the Ladies Guild for their work both now and during weddings at the church.

In November we will be remembering the saints who have gone before us here at BELC. This service again promises to be another special one and you are all invited. You are also encouraged to bring someone whom you might know has lost a family member and who received burial from Brooklyn Ev. Lutheran Church or anywhere.

#### FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DAVE GLODOWSKI

The end of summer brings thoughts of having some of our favorite activities coming to a close: family vacations, spending afternoons by the pool, evening walks while it is still light outside. But the end of summer also brings new beginnings: the start of a new school year, football season, and good sleeping weather. Here at Brooklyn Lutheran, this time of year can be looked at as a time of beginnings: the start of Sunday School, Sunday morning Adult Bible Class, confirmation classes, and of course the beginning of the school year for Brooklyn Bridge School.

We have had a very exciting year so far. We have celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We have welcomed new members to our church. We have worked with Pastor Kelm and Parish Assistance to develop a new strategy for our church. As I write this, the Vision Task Force is continuing to meet to come up with the vision for our congregation for the next 5 years and beyond.

I would like to challenge each member of our congregation to ask themselves, "*How am I going to get more involved in helping Brooklyn Lutheran with our mission?*" This may mean volunteering for a committee, or helping with our outdoor fall cleanup, or singing in the choir. We would like to see everyone make a commitment to attend Sunday morning Adult Bible Class. Whatever your answer may be, every member of our congregation needs to be involved in the mission of our church, which is doing Christ's work in our neighborhood: "*We exist to use the Gospel of Christ to win the lost and to nurture believers, all to the glory of God.*"

**The Lord Has Need Of It**  
*Peter lent a boat,  
to save Him from the press:  
Martha lent her home,  
With busy kindness.*

*One man lent a colt,  
Another lent a room;  
Some threw down their garments,  
And Joseph lent a tomb.*

*Simon lent his strength,  
The cruel cross to bear;  
Many brought their spices,  
His body to prepare.*

*What have I to lend?  
No boat, no house, no lands;  
Dwell, Lord, within my heart.  
I put it in Your hands.*

#### VISION TASK FORCE (VTF)

The work of the Vision Task Force continues to go well. We have completed vision statements for 5 of the 6 areas. The next step will be to prioritize them in each category. Once that is done, we will compile the information and everyone will get a copy. The goal is to complete this work by the end of October. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.