

prospective supporters for a cottage meeting(s). I am working with members of Christ Lutheran, Eden Prairie and Mt. Olive, Delano in this special Debt of Love effort. I am thinking of groups of 6-10 people that I can share the message, thank, and encourage. I can identify some of these members, but perhaps you, as pastor can add to the list. It is my idea that one of these members would sponsor an event either at the church or possibly in their home in a social setting.

Please note that all members of our churches will have plenty of opportunities to participate in the DOL campaign. We will be using the first edition of the News from West to kick off this effort. There will be an envelope attached!

Please consider some possible meeting dates for either your voters or church council meeting times from September through April so I can meet with representatives of the your congregation about the challenges and opportunities at WLHS (Operating) and the Debt of Love Campaign. If you have additional names of people that have shown support for the high school or that have the potential to do so, I would also appreciate getting contact information.

Principals

As I did last year, I wish to visit each of your schools – meet with your faculty in the morning – give and encourage the pre-k – 12 association concept. Phil will continue to make his periodic visits to the school too. Using the comparable dates from last year, I'd like to suggest the following schedule for an initial visit with your faculty. I will arrange additional times to visit with the students in their individual classrooms as the year continues.

Tu. -Thurs	Sept. 27 KOG 7:30AM	Sept. 28 Salem 7:45AM	Sept. 29 Mt. Olive 7:40AM
	Oct. 5 COC 7:15AM	Oct. 6 HTLS 7:30AM	

Please confirm these dates and times via email. I will make changes as necessary.

In Christ's Service,

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Quarterly Newsletter—Fall 2011



**FEED MY SHEEP,
FEED MY LAMBS!**
(John 21)

Thirty years ago the Rev. Cecil Williams went with a loudspeaker to the slum tenements near downtown San Francisco and called cocaine addicts to come down from their hovels. He called them to rejoin the civic community. They came – in droves! Glide Memorial Methodist Church now has a 12 million dollar annual budget. They had a dream that no one in San Francisco would ever have to go to bed hungry and they followed through on that dream by serving over 1 million meals a year.

This congregation said to those living on the streets: “You come to us and we’ll rehabilitate you, we’ll house you, we’ll retrain you for work, and we’ll give you a car to get to work. Then when you’ve rejoined our civic community, we’ll give you a leadership position helping others get off the street.”

None of us would challenge the real-

ity that Glide Memorial is doing something wonderful – just as none of us would claim that with a little effort Brooklyn Lutheran could get to a \$12 million budget! But our little church on this “big corner” has a purpose to fulfill – **“Feed Christ’s Sheep, Feed Christ’s Lambs!”** Wonderful things happen when God’s Word is proclaimed...for this life, but most importantly for eternity to come!

It’s not just a dream that souls are nurtured here in worship and Bible study. It’s not just a dream that tender hearts of preschoolers have been introduced to their Savior through Brooklyn Bridge School. As we turn to fall and another full schedule of programs, let’s make that reality for more people through faithful participation in and support of our ministry. And oh yes – dare to dream even bigger things to be accomplished by the saints at 69th and Zane – as we feed sheep and lambs on the nurture of the Lord! Amen!

FALL STARTUPS

Our fall Service and education schedule begins September 11th.

- **WORSHIP 10:00**
*We allow God to speak to us from His Word and respond with our prayers and praises!
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:45—9:45**
*Bibles Stories, Singing, Memorizing God’s Word
- **BIBLES CLASSES 8:55—9:45**
*Studying and learning God’s Word



- **CHOIR 7:00 WEDNESDAY, September 7**
*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.
- **BROOKLYN BRIDGE SCHOOL**
9:00-11:30; 12:30-3:00, Sept. 6—2 day program
9:00-11:30; 12:30-3:00, Sept. 7—3 day program

Mission Festival was planned for the 23rd of October, but our hoped for speaker – Missionary Dan Myers from Cameroon – is receiving cancer treatment, making that doubtful. Pastor Holub is working on the possibility of having Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary students (Mequon, WI) come and conduct our Service on September 25th. Watch for a set date and speaker in the days ahead!

CHOIR

Are you trying to find a way to get more involved at church, but just haven't found that niche? Perhaps singing in the choir is the opportunity your looking for! Rehearsals for the Brooklyn Lutheran Church Adult Choir will begin on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00. We are always looking for more singers so please consider joining us. It is a great opportunity to use the musical gifts God gave you to praise and glorify Him. We learn a lot and have fun in the process. Hope to see you at our first rehearsal!



BROOKLYN LUTHERAN

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Mission Statement



*We exist to use the Gospel of
Christ to win the lost and to
nurture believers, all to the
glory of God.*

DEVOTE YOURSELF TO PRAYER

So far this year the Prayer Chain has had 39 prayer requests with numerous updates. To utilize the Prayer Chain contact Bonnie Johnson at 612-789-2130. Do you pray according to God's will? Prayer requires a willingness from us to do His will. To accomplish this we must stay in His Word (the Bible). Do you dust your Bible? The best way to do that is to keep it open and read it. Remember what Jesus says in John 15:7 "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." In I John 5:14 "This is the confidence we have in approaching God, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us." From these words we know that He will hear and answer believers (our prayers). Prayer is a privilege that is reserved for believers, children of God. How precious and special are we Christians that we can honestly say that we can talk with God (pray) any time, any where and any place. Thank You Lord!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are about to begin a new and exciting year of Sunday School. As we began our planning for the upcoming year we were reminded that Jesus said: "Let the little children come unto me". We have an awesome opportunity to reach out to the children of our congregation and our community. We need to ensure that we share God's Word with them and continue as Jesus taught us to bring the children to him and share our knowledge of God's Word as we were taught by our parents and elders of our church. We invite all to help us with Sunday School during the 2011-2012 school year. Here are some highlights of our plans for this year. The school year will be broken up into sessions, with each session focusing on a different set of topics and stories

- Session 1 – First Article- 4 weeks
- Session 2 – God's Word in the World-2 weeks
- Session 3 – Second Article – 4 weeks

- Session 4 – God's Word in the World-2 weeks
- Session 5 – Christmas Stories
- Session 6 – Third Article – 4 weeks
- Session 7 – God's Word in the World-2 weeks
- Session 8 – Lord's Prayer 1-4 petitions– 4 weeks
- Session 9 – Easter Stories
- Session 10—Lord's Prayer 5-7 petitions – 3 weeks
- Session 11 -- God's Word in the World- 3 weeks

Please see Cindy Boyd if you would like to help us with this year's Sunday School Program.



BROOKLYN BRIDGE SCHOOL

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ! My name is Sarah Monthie and I am your new preschool teacher and director. I am the third of four children born to Andrew and Beverly Monthie. My younger sister, Beth, is a senior this year at MLC, so you'll be able to meet her when she visits. I have always wanted to be a teacher and feel so blessed that God has sent me to be here with all of you. Your warm welcome has been greatly appreciated!

Exciting things are happening this year in the preschool room! With a new teacher, come a new curriculum and a new way of teaching and organizing a classroom. **Everyone is invited on Sunday, September 11 to stop by and visit the preschool room after church.** There will be snacks and juice available. This is your opportunity to see pictures of the new preschoolers and to get to know me and the classroom.

I have been busy this summer getting the classroom ready for the new year! God has been great in opening hearts to give gifts to the pre-

school! However, there is still more things that would be greatly appreciated in the classroom. I will have a "wish list" on note-cards outside the preschool room. This will help you see how you can help support our preschool. I pray that God will bless our efforts this year for a successful preschool! May God Bless and Keep each one of you this coming year! If you haven't gotten a chance to meet me, please feel free to stop by and chat.

Pray that we will be able to enroll many more for our preschool in these last days before fall startup. Last year we had mid twenties opening day, and quickly rose in numbers to mid-thirties. As of Wednesday, August 24, we stand at 14 students: 5,5,1,& 3 among the 4 classes.

SUPPORT ELDER

Summer is almost over. The last two months have been very hot and wet. Good grass growing weather. Thanks to those who do the lawn mowing and work on our grounds.

We are in the process of having our parking lot repaired and seal coated.* Thank you to all who have contributed to this project, however, we are still short of covering the total cost. You still have opportunity to contribute if you have not already done so. It seems like we are continually asking for money but the fact is we are behind in meeting our obligations. We need your help to catch up. Put your trust in the Lord and He will provide.

Glen Lieder

*Oil and stone chip work was on Tuesday, August 23rd, after numerous delays as we got the sidewalk done and the grade right declining away from the front doors. Excess stone sweep and lot stall striping remains to be done in weeks ahead. \$8,057 for seal coat, \$1,450 for front door sidewalk (total \$9,508). Total offerings: \$9,185.



August 23, 2011

Dear West Association Pastors and Principals,

Blessings to you all in the name of the Holy Trinity with whom we all own our existence, salvation, and the willingness to build each other up and proclaim the Word to a lost world.

As we begin the 2011-12 school year many in our Lutheran Elementary Schools and here at West are busy with preparation and anticipation. The LES and Area Lutheran High Schools in our church are experiencing challenging times in the areas of enrollment and finance. The topic of sustainability for the future of our schools is on many agendas of our congregations and associations. The St. Croix and West Associations are sponsoring a Sustainability Seminar on Saturday, September 24 at Living Hope Church in Shakopee with the purpose of examining the challenges set before us. It is my hope that when registration materials are sent to your congregations that administrators, pastors, and leaders in your church give serious consideration to attending this important event.

The 2011-12 school-year will mark the 33rd year of offering secondary Christian education to the youth of our congregations and the community at large. As many of you know, the school has seen it financial ups and downs during this time. Most recently, the downturn in the economy, lower over-all enrollments, less financial support, and a large building debt have been challenges for West Lutheran as well as some of its congregations. The school has continued to make adjustments by increasing recruitment efforts, reducing operating expenses, strengthening our bonds with our congregations and schools, and reducing our indebtedness. A marketing committee composed of parents of our school and board members are working on recruitment efforts for the school.

As many of you know, the focus of my position as principal/administrator has changed as it is my hope to communicate to our congregations and individual supporters the importance of meeting the challenges that lie ahead of us. Our primary focus over the next two years will be three-fold: reduce the debt, increase operating support, and bolster enrollment. The "Debt of Love Capital Campaign" is an effort to reduce the building debt substantially over the next two years. It is our hope that both congregations and individuals prayerfully consider special gifts for this purpose. Maintaining and increasing our special gifts for operating expenses and tuition assistance are also important in this effort. One of our congregations, King of Grace Lutheran, has offered a special congregational gift towards this effort. Other individuals have either gifted or pledged financial support toward this effort over the next two years.

Pastors

It is my hope to visit each of our association congregations "decision-making" council – whatever the pastors of our church thinks best. This could be either the voters' assembly or the administrative council. The purpose of this meeting is to thank and encourage the leaders and members of our association in this effort. The challenge is finding a meeting date that will work.

So far, I have scheduled tentative meetings dates for Salem- Oct. 9th, Holy Trinity – Oct. 23rd, King of Grace – Oct. 25, Abiding Savior, Jan.8th, Mt. Olive, Delano – Jan.22.

A second request is a little more involved. I am asking for your help in identifying either supporters or