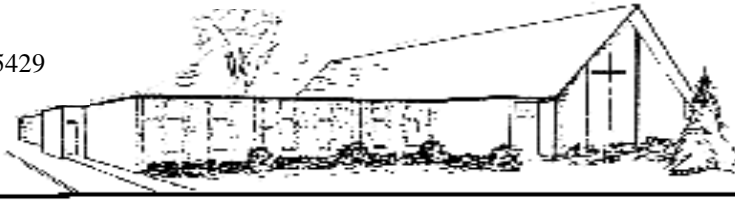




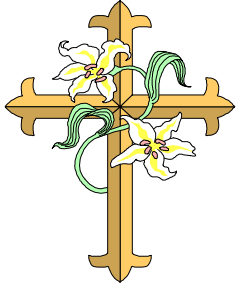
# Brooklyn Ev. Lutheran Church

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*I am the Living Bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this Bread, he will live forever. This Bread is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. (JOHN 6:51).*

## FEED ON CHRIST

A woman bought a parrot to keep her company, but returned it the next day. "This bird doesn't talk," she told the pet store owner. "Does he have a mirror in his cage?" he asked. "Parrots love mirrors. They see their reflection and start a conversation." The woman bought a mirror and left.

The next day she returned; the bird still wasn't talking. "How about a ladder?" Parrots love ladders. A happy parrot is a talkative parrot." The woman bought a ladder and left. But the next day, she was back. "Does your parrot have a swing? No? Well, that's the problem! Once he starts swinging, he'll talk up a storm." The woman reluctantly bought a swing and left.

When she walked into the store the next day, her countenance had changed. "The parrot died," she reported. The pet store owner was shocked. "I'm so sorry. Tell me, did he ever say a word?" he asked. "Yes, right before he died," the woman replied. "In a weak voice, he asked me, 'Don't they sell any bird food at that pet store?'"

Many people spend too much time looking into the **mirror**. They feel they can only sing a happy tune if they present a good image to everyone around them. They talk about their healthy diet, where they got their fashionable clothes, their exercise program. Others are busy trying to climb the **ladder of success**. Maybe they have something to "crow" about,

maybe they don't. Others are just plain **swingers**. They like to talk about all the activities they pack into their busy schedules. In the grand scheme of life, these things are only "good for the birds."

In the end, the only thing that really counts is whether people fed their souls on Christ. **Jesus IS the Bread of Life**. He gave His life on Calvary's cross so that we could have life with Him forever in heaven. Lent is a great time to give up a little mirror gazing, workaholism, and busyness.....to pause and feed on Christ. One must be well-fed to be healthy spiritually. Yet some try to get by feeding their souls only once a week – or less!

Make it a point to faithfully

attend Sunday Services, perhaps even Sunday Bible Class (or the Friday morning or WOW Bible Class). Lent would be a good season to resolve to get serious about reading Meditations – even better talking about them daily in your household. Look for opportunities each day to speak God's Word to a friend!

And plan now to attend our **Midweek Lenten Services (7pm Wednesdays, beginning February 21)** under the theme **Behold The Hidden Glory Of The Cross**. Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday provide additional opportunities to feed on Jesus' very body and blood in the Lord's Supper. It's just the thing to get you talking.....about what is really important!

## Behold the Hidden GLORY of the Cross!

### Lenten Schedule

- Ash Wednesday, February 21 *"It Is Hidden In The Savior's Sighs"* Pastor Holub
- February 28, *"It Is Hidden In The Savior's Solitude"* Pastor Cordes
- March 7, *"It Is Hidden In The Savior's Rejection By His Own"* Pastor Kurtzahn
- March 14, *"It Is Hidden In The Savior's Stumbling"* Pastor Holub
- March 21, *"It Is Hidden In The Savior's Rejection By the World"* Pastor Cordes
- March 28, *"It is Hidden In Powerful Words"* Pastor DeNoyer



## Did You Know.....

- Sacred Concert at West Lutheran High School is Thursday, March 15 at 7:30 pm?
- Western Accents will sing at our Church on March 25?
- Wise Penny Luncheon is on Saturday, March 31?
- Easter Services at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.?

### Women of the Word (WOW)

This is a new Bible Study group for women of all ages and stages. We meet on the first, third and fifth Mondays of every month at church. We are studying Women of the New Testament. Each week someone volunteers to lead our discussion and study. We have studied Elizabeth, Mary, Herodias, A Sinful Woman, The Canaanite Woman, Mary and Martha, and Sapphira. We are discovering how Jesus reached out to comfort and give hope to women. As we get to know these women, we are growing in our faith and knowledge of God together. Please come and join us anytime.

### Reaching Out to the Students in College

Did you know we have at least 20 students from our church attending college or taking college courses? We are making an effort to connect with them via email on a monthly basis. For the month of February we are making cookie care packages. We realize the stress of living away from home, studying, becoming independent and holding onto your faith through many challenges. Please continue to pray for our students near and far.

### Brooklyn Lutheran Choir

The Brooklyn Lutheran Adult Choir is preparing music for the season of Lent as well as Holy Week. They will be performing numerous times in the upcoming weeks and are looking forward to singing praises to God. It's

not too late to be a part of this enjoyable and edifying experience. The choir rehearses every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30. We hope to see you there!

### Sunday School

Sunday, December 24, 2006 the Sunday School students shared the Christmas story with scripture and song during a 10:00 a.m. Church Service. Refreshments and fellowship followed.

Thank you to those who donated items to the Sunday School mitten tree. Ninety-six items were donated to CEAP. A special "thank you" to Verna Salzwedel, who crocheted and donated 50 matching sets of caps and scarves.

During the month of March, the Sunday School will be sponsoring their annual food drive. These items will be donated to the Community Emergency Assistance Program (CEAP). This program serves those living in the Brooklyn Park/Brooklyn Center area. Sunday School will continue to be held at 8:45 a.m. It is important that the children arrive before 8:45 a.m. so that they are in time for Sunday School chapel.

### 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.

Ladies Guild had their first meeting of 2007 in January with 13 in attendance. Delores Page was accepted as a new member. Our committees were filled. We are temporarily combining the Altar, Banner, Flower, Easter and Christmas decorating into one committee tentatively called Worship Environment Committee. The following are signed up for that committee: Renee Graen, Brenda Glodowski, Arlou Lorenzen and Janice Budach.

Special Events and Calling Commit-

tee: Julie Deuth, Chairman, Shirley Aleckson, Mavis Kuensting, Arlou Lorenzen, Myrt Rudenick, Betty Tommerdahl-Dickinson and Jean Holub (Calling). Karen Smith takes care of the Candles, Vacuuming of the pews and Christian Contact. Kitchen Committee: Mavis Kuensting, Delores Page and Julie Deuth.

Betty Tommerdahl-Dickinson takes care of our Historical Committee. Special Events coordinated the baking of cookies and assembling the packages for the college students with help from Girl Pioneers.

Upcoming events will be participating in Lenten serving both pre service meals and after service goodies; Come and check us out the first Tuesday of the month.

### Power of Prayer

Many people have written about the power of prayer. Maybe they realize that our Father in heaven is the One in control. We mortals think we are in control but we are not. God, the Father is and we can be very thankful for that. Through prayer we can remain in touch with our heavenly Father. When do we pray? When do you pray? There is no special time or place for prayer. We can pray in the morning, in the afternoon, in the evening, before we go to bed, when we get up. God wants us to pray. He wants to hear from us, from you. Make sure that you are in touch with our heavenly Father. He loves YOU, and wants to hear from you. Along that train of thought why not join the prayer chain. The prayer chain is also there for YOU! Think about joining or calling with a prayer request. Contact Bonnie Johnson 763-427-0448.

I have so much to do today,  
that I shall spend the first  
three hours in prayer.

Martin Luther

## Elders Group News

Duke Carstensen NW area  
763-420-2796

Steve Death NE area  
763-560-4641

Dave Glodowski SW area  
763-315-2904

Eugene Wales SE area  
763-425-1104

At this time the Elders group is in the process of completing the in home Bible study with each of the families, *Every Soul a Treasure*. We hope to have this completed before Easter.

During the upcoming Lenten season we will again be hosting many of the meals served before evening services. Each elder with the help of members from his group will take turns serving. Serving will begin about 6:10 PM. Please watch the weekly church bulletin to see when your group will be up to serve. We will each call ahead for volunteers to help serve, and clean up.

During HOLY week the Elders Group will be hosting FREE TO THE PUBLIC, two separate viewings of the movie, **The Passion of the Christ**. Brooklyn Eve. Lutheran members are encouraged to come and to bring a friend along. We ask that each of you pray for this to be an awesome outreach tool for the church. Watch the weekly bulletin for viewing times.

## West Lutheran High School

West Lutheran High School is already half way through the third quarter. Where has the school year gone? Basketball is in full swing. If you missed the Brooklyn Lutheran Church game night, you can visit the website at [www.wlhs.net](http://www.wlhs.net) for other dates and games times. You are always welcome. Here is a list of other upcoming events at West Lutheran High School that might interest you.

Friday, March 9 – Kindergarten Visit – 9:00-10:00am - Do you know a kindergartener who might like to visit West?

Monday, March 12 – Blood Drive – 10:00-2:00 – Just call the school at 763-509-9378 to make an appointment.

Thursday, March 15 – Sacred Concert – 7:30 – The band and all choirs will perform.

Sunday, March 25 – Open House – 2:00-4:00 – Come see your high school!

April 14-15 – Handbell Festival – West is hosting this event. Watch for promotional materials in the near future for time of concert.

April 20-22 – Spring Play – “Absolutely Murder” – Mark your calendar now. Watch for promotional materials in the near future for ticket prices and times.

Planning on enrolling your student at West for the 2007-08 school year? Parents are encouraged to register now so plans can be made for the coming school year. Call the office at 763-509-9378 for a registration form.

## From our President.....

**Mike Boyd**

The Annual Meeting - On January 21<sup>st</sup> Brooklyn Lutheran held its annual meeting, the time once a year for everyone to review the operations of the church and to have their say on the issues in front of us. This year was no exception. Along with reviewing and approving the budget, people who attended heard the reports from each of the committees that are part of the church council as well as reports from other organizations (West Lutheran, LIMA, Lutheran Home etc...) that Brooklyn is part of.

In addition the issue of one service vs. two services was discussed. Discussion centered around the time of the service and if it was the right move at this time. After discussion the idea of one at 10:00 am was approved for 2007. We will be holding services at **10:00 am** with Sunday School and Bible classes at 8:45 am and 8:50 am. In addition a Sunrise Service was added to Easter morning starting at 7:30 am.

If you have any questions or wish more information on the annual meeting, you can talk to a councilman. I would encourage everyone to attend next year's meeting.

New Council Formed - At the annual meeting the 2007 church council was elected. Elected to serve along with the remaining members of Dan Gabrielson and Larry Heebl, were Glen Lieder, Doug Johnson, Roger Lucht, Booker Rennie, Mitch Aleckson and Mike Boyd. After the annual meeting the council met to elect its leadership. The result of those elections are:

Mike Boyd  
President  
Glen Lieder  
Vice President  
Dan Gabrielson  
Secretary  
Roger Lucht  
Financial Secretary  
Larry Heebl  
Building and Grounds Chair  
Mitch Aleckson  
Education Chair  
Doug Johnson  
Stewardship Chair  
Booker Rennie  
Member At-Large

Dave Glodowski has agreed to serve as the Treasurer for the 2007 year. We thank him for this service to our Lord.

The council meets every month, normally on the second Sunday. Any input or questions are welcome and can be given by talking with one of the council members listed above. Please pray for your new council.



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*Our goal is to keep the congregation informed!* This is the second 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 mail boxes so everyone should be able to get one somehow. We have a program that will change it to a pdf file so hopefully everyone with email will receive it that way. Let us know how it's working. Note the change in the email address for the church.

If you have something that you would like to put in the Newsletter, write it up and hand it to Pastor, someone in the office or email it to the church. *Email is preferable in that it saves re-typing.* 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.

Thanks to all for getting the articles to the office on time. It makes doing a newsletter much easier.

**The Brooklyn Bridge School** sure has been busy this past quarter. Here are a few things that have been happening since the last newsletter  
November –

Our Scholastic book order arrived. We received 30 *free* new paper back Clifford books because we earned points for ordering! Also, if anyone in the congregation would like to order books, CD's, tapes, etc. from Scholastic, for our school, see Mrs. Kurtzahn. The weather was so wonderful at this time; we spent our time swinging, running and flying kites out on the playground. Thank you Pastor and Mr. Carstensen for making us a big pile of leaves in the playground area.

December –  
The month of December brought a new theme to our rooms. This year we took some time learning about how people celebrate Christmas all over the world! If you haven't noticed, Brooklyn Bridge School is very unique. Our school represents children from 15 different nations! We decorated our rooms for Christmas – the birthday of Jesus, our Savior. We learned all our songs and parts for the Christmas service (December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.) The children really enjoyed getting ready to share the good news of Jesus'

birthday with all of you. Thank you to all who attended!

January -  
In Miss Koch's class we found out all about the animals who live in the Arctic Circle. Some of our favorite animals found here are the polar bear, penguin, moose, and seal. We learned how to waddle like a penguin and bugle like a moose. The Kindergarten is able to sound out words and they read their first sentences. **Congratulations!** We listened to classical music and other types of music in order to decide which instrument was playing. The children liked the rock and roll music better than the orchestra music – we, teachers can't understand that. ☺ Our 100 day party is just around the corner. It will be held on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. We are counting down the days. The Kindergarten children have an assignment of creating something with 100 items. We are finding different ways to count to 100 that you will soon see displayed. In Mrs. Kurtzahn's class we discussed transportation and "how we go". Miss Koch even tried making rockets in her classroom! This chemical reaction did-



n't quite get the rocket off the ground, but it sure was fun to watch. 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 BLAST OFF! Miss Koch's most recent theme has been Space! There are so many things to learn about Space, we just couldn't cover them all, but we did learn that Earth (or the planet we live on) goes around the sun in an oval. We know all about rockets and orbiters and what makes up a space shuttle. We saw pictures of real astronauts in space. They have special space suits that keep them safe out there. We even had comets hanging in our hallway! Thank you Mr. Steinbach for the NASA website! We've had a very busy and blessed 3 months here at school and we thank everyone who has helped to make it enjoyable, not only for the children, but for us as well!

Katie Koch  
Sharon Kurtzahn