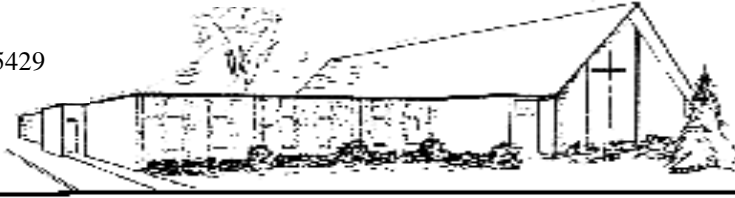




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*God bless our native land
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night!
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might!*

Let's Walk Together This Summer!

*.....Worship the God of
our fathers as a follower of
the Way. (Acts 24:14)*

Six times Saint Luke used the terminology "the Way" in his book of Acts. As a companion of Saint Paul, he may have picked up the terminology from him. It seems to be a direct reference to Christ's words in John 14:6 – *I am the Way and the Truth and the Life*

No true Christian would argue with Jesus on that one! *No one comes to the Father* (in prayer or in eternal life) *except through Jesus* (from the same John 14:6 verse). It is through faith in the crucified and risen Savior that anyone knows and is walking on the road to heaven.

The word "Synod" is from the Greek language. Basically, it means "walking together on the Way" (or road). Its meaning is ampli-

fied for the WELS Christian. Every Christian – WELS, or of another Christian denomination – is on the road to heaven. We are encouraged in our own faith by every person who confesses Jesus' cross and the Triune God.

But "on the Way" we walk (and work) in a special way with those who closely share our faith. This is in keeping with Jesus' parting words to His followers recorded in Matthew 28:20 – *Teaching (them to obey) EVERYTHING I have commanded you.* By expressing it thus, Jesus emphasizes that there is no wiggle room for compromising God's Word and Biblical teaching. We are bound to the truth. It then naturally follows that we bind ourselves to those who believe as we do.

Conversely, we *watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in (our) way that are contrary to the teaching we have learned (Romans 16:17)* and hold dear from the Scriptures. We don't condemn other Christians to hell for errors in their doctrine, but in love for God's name, our own souls, and the souls of errorists we stand apart from them and their heresies that put obstacles in the way of stronger, more solid Bible based faith. This is necessary toward a clear confession of the Way.

Exciting for our synod in this 21st century are the multitude of internet searchers around the globe who rejoice to discover in WELS Christians who share the same respect and interpretation of the in-

spired, inerrant Word of God. On a regular basis we receive communications from God's people all over the earth who want to partner with us in learning and proclaiming the way of salvation they too have found in the Bible.

Their hunger for the truth and fellowship in the Gospel brings us back to the word "Synod." How easily we sinners despise one of the greatest blessings God has given us for our faith and Christian life! We have 400,000 fellow WELS Christians with whom we are privileged to "walk together." We can wholeheartedly share our faith in worship and hearing the preaching of God's Word. We work together to establish strongholds for the proclamation of the Gospel near
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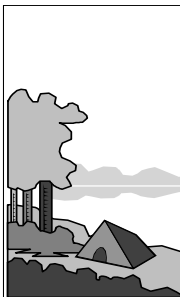
SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Attend your WELS or ELS churches while on summer vacation.

(We can help you find a church to attend wherever you go on vacation)

Week Night Services at our local churches:

- Redeemer, Maple Grove and Cross of Christ, Coon Rapids-7:00 Monday
- New Life, Shoreview-7:00 Thursday
- We will not be conducting Tuesday Evening Service this summer.



**DON'T
FORGET
TO GO
TO
CHURCH**

- Monday Night Brooklyn Lutheran Ball games
- June 3 Walking Together Sunday
- June 13 Saints vs Lincoln Salt Dogs
- June 22,23,24 Lutheran Women's Missionary Society in Detroit.
- August 13-17 Vacation Bible School
- August 21 Lutheran Night at the Twins

Did You Know.....

- Education Sunday at our Church on Sunday, May 20?
- Brooklyn Bridge School closing/graduation Service on Monday, May 21 at 6:00 pm?
- POPS Concert at West Lutheran High School is Monday, May 21 at 7:30 pm?
- Last day of school for Brooklyn Bridge School on Friday, May 25?
- We will change time of Service to 9:00 starting May 27?

WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW)

We are now studying the book of James using the study guide, "James, How Faith Works." It gives a very detailed explanation and we are enjoying the in-depth study. We are meeting once in the month of May and have decided to continue meeting during the summer months. Check the bulletin for the meeting dates in the summer. We will resume our regular schedule of meeting the first and third Mondays of the month again in September. It is easy to join in the Bible Study at any time so do not hesitate to come.

CELEBRATE EDUCATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 20th we are recognizing all of the students in our midst who attend school. A special service will be held during our regular worship time and a bulletin board display will be up for you to get to know all the different schools our youth attend. We pray for each of our youth to learn and grow in God's Word and to hold fast to their faith as they become young adults. We will be having a reception following the Service, so please join us for this important Sunday.

BROOKLYN LUTHERAN CHOIR

The Brooklyn Lutheran Adult Choir is done singing for the year. Rehearsals will begin again in September. They are every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30. Have you ever considered joining the choir? Come and see what it's like. The more the merrier. See you in the fall!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Education Sunday" will be Sunday, May 20. This will be the last day of Sunday School for this school year. The Sunday School children will be singing in the 10:00 Church Service. Refreshments will be served following the Church Service.

The Sunday School staff thanks the parents for giving them the opportunity to teach their child/children God's Word.

We would like to thank the following for their dedication to the Sunday School department this past year: Katie Koch, Stephanie Smith, Cindy Boyd, Sara Posorske, Jean Holub, and Betty Tommerdahl-Dickinson.

GIRL PIONEERS

We have been learning about service and blend it with fun in Jesus name.

Some activities have been:

- Decorated at Christmas
- Helped with baskets and made cards for college students
- Made Easter table centerpieces
- Animal Humane Society walk

We try to meet at least once a month. If anyone is interested in participating/helping, please contact Becky Rudenick at 763 561-5387.

PRAYER IS COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

Communication is the key to any relationship. God to man, man to God, person to person. You can't know one another without communication. The more you communicate with someone, the better you know them. God gave us His Word. That is how He communicates with us. God has also given us the privilege of prayer, and that is how we can communicate with God. As you read God's Word, you are in communication with the Father. God the Father is speaking to you through His Word. Come to the Father in the name of Jesus Christ. We speak to God through prayer. How often we speak to God is up to us. How often do you speak

to God? How much time do you spend communicating with God? Communication is the key to any relationship and it is the key to your relationship with God. Take advantage of the prayer chain. It is an opportunity for you to communicate with God. So far this year, in the first four months there have been 18 individuals prayed for by the prayer chain members. If you are interested in joining the Prayer Chain, contact Bonnie Johnson. 763-427-0448.

ELDERS GROUP NEWS

This past Easter season the elders planned two free showings of the movie "The Passion of the Christ." In our efforts to promote this event we placed notices in the church bulletin, and printed two sided flyers with the movie on one side, and information about our Church and School on the other. We printed and distributed between 600 - 700 of the flyers by going door to door in the neighborhoods right around the church. We rang doorbells so we could meet and talk face to face with the residents about both the movie and our Church and School. As you may know, we didn't end up showing the movie at either of the scheduled times. It doesn't seem very successful does it? But wait, stop and consider this, we had SEVEN (great number for church work) men who went out into the fields to **gather the harvest for our Lord**. Plus we had two elders and Pastor, along with three to four ladies present at the viewing times to greet, and answer questions any viewers may have had. Now consider the voters meeting that was held on April 29, 2007 at which the Brooklyn Bridge School board presented a motion to extend Mrs.

**When we let God
GUIDE He will
PROVIDE.**

Kurtzahn's call to teach for another year, and spoke of hiring an aide. We often don't get to see the fruits of our labors right now. Often it takes time. We should all be filled with prayers for blessing upon these combined efforts as we know that God's Word will not return void. We have been faithful in planting the seeds. Now as our early childhood school accepts registrations for the upcoming year, let each of us pray for God's rain to grow His harvest, in blessing of our efforts.

Eugene Wales
Chairman Elders

WEST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

The choirs at West Lutheran High School are rehearsing the songs they will be singing at graduation which means the end of another year is fast approaching. Here is a short list of upcoming activities that might interest you. Check the church bulletin board or contact the school for more information.

Saturday, May 19 – West 5K Fun Run/Walk

Monday, May 21, 7:30 – Pops Concert

Saturday, May 26, 2:00 – Graduation

It's not too late for you or someone you know to enroll a student at West for the 2007-08 school year. Call the office at 763-509-9378 for an information packet and a registration form.

**A Christian home is
earth's sweetest picture
of heaven.**

NEWS BITS

We are still looking for volunteers to help with **Church Lawn Mowing**. Signup sheet is on the commons table. Please help us fill out three volunteers for each of the four Wednesday night teams! Team mowing time is 6pm, though by coordination with crew chief, mowing can be done during the day and on a different day, if need be.

There is a box for **Shoes for Nicaragua** by the bulletin board. "Slightly used" or "lightly used" shoes are needed for men, women and children with enclosed toe and heel. No high heels or sandals, but athletic shoes without spikes or cleats are OK.

If you would like to have a **church garden plot**, please let us know ASAP. Current users always request additional plots, but we would like to "spread the wealth," especially among members. Cost this year is \$35. Water is provided.

TWO BASEBALL FELLOWSHIPS PLANNED FOR SUMMER!

Christian Life Ministries' sponsored **WELS/ELS Saints with the St. Paul Saints** – Wednesday, June 13 vs Lincoln Salt Dogs. Tailgate party, 6pm. Tickets \$10(reserved), \$7 (bleacher), & \$4(general admission) - \$1 less for children 14 and under and seniors over 65. Order and print your own tickets at www.saintsbasketball.com. Our group will aim for the top rows of reserved section A, with H backup. Sign up

in commons to let us know you are coming!

Thrivent **Lutheran Night at the Twins**, 7pm Tuesday, August 21st vs Seattle Mariners. Our group will sit in upper club seats behind home plate: \$20 tickets for \$15! Sign up now in commons so that we can reserve lower rows (1st 9 rows are already gone!). Pay for tickets in a month or so when they arrive.

Cheerfulness oils the machinery of life.

(Walking Together from pg. 1) (home missions) and abroad (world missions). Together we train well-indoctrinated future pastors and teachers for our pulpits and classrooms.

On Sunday, June 3rd, we will celebrate the blessings of our "Walking Together" with our fellow Christians of the Wisconsin Synod. In the long summer thereafter, let the celebrating continue on a week by week basis! **Let us not give up meeting together.....but let us encourage one another! (Hebrews 10:25)** Even on vacation, attend one of our sister congregations on the Sabbath. In this newsletter are worship times at nearby sister congregations on Thursdays and Mondays – if it is more convenient for you to worship before going away for the week-end or after being gone Sunday from your fellow saints at Brooklyn Lutheran. **God's blessings as we "Walk Together!"**

RAYMOND SCHAPER

March 25, 1925—April 5, 2007

Ray Schaper was born in Adrian Township in Watonwan County, MN, on March 25, 1925. He was baptized into the Christian faith on April 12, 1925 and confirmed in the same on August 14, 1938, both at St. John's Lutheran Church, Darfur.

Ray attended grade school in Darfur and graduated from Comfrey Public High School on June 3, 1943. Ray entered the Merchant Marine in November, 1944, and attended Radio Telegraphers School on Hoffman Island, New York, graduating in June, 1945.

Ray served in the US Army from July, 1946 to January, 1948. He married Elaine Gartman on May 19, 1951 in Owatonna, MN, and in May, 1953, became postmaster in Darfur. In July, 1969, Ray transferred from postmaster in Darfur to rural mail carrier in Butterfield, MN.

After retiring, Ray and Elaine moved to Brooklyn Park, MN, where they became members of Brooklyn Lutheran Church in October, 1987. They enjoyed many winters in Mesa, AZ.

Ray died in the Lord on Maundy Thursday, April 5, 2007. A funeral Service was held at Brooklyn Ev. Lutheran Church on April 14, 2007 and burial was at Fort Snelling Cemetery.

Ray is survived by his wife, Elaine, 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

I heard a voice say, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.'"

Revelation 14:13



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A PRAYER FOR THE DAY

*Grant me, O Lord, the strength today
For every task which comes my way;
Cover my eyes and make me blind
To petty faults I should not find.*

*Open my eyes and let me see
The friend my neighbor tries to be;
Teach me, when duty seems severe,
To see my purpose shining clear.*

*Let me at noontime rest content,
The half-day bravely lived and spent;
And when the night slips down, let me
Unstained and undishonored be.*

*Grant me to live this one day through
Up to the best that I can do.*



Can you believe it's almost the end of the school year?! We are finally celebrating the month of May. This means new themes, songs, stories, and the end-of-the-year program! Here's what we've been up to since last quarter.

In March – Miss Koch's classes learned about healthy foods. They learned that they should have 5 servings of grain, 5 servings of fruit and vegetables, 2 servings of dairy products, and 2 servings of meat (or protein, like peanut butter or eggs). One day they made a healthy snack with Miss Koch's mom, grandma, and sister! They loved flattening the dough, spreading the sauce, and sprinkling the cheese. Can you guess what they made? **PIZZA!!!**

Mrs. Kurtzahn's Pre-K read a very interesting book about mixing colors called Mouse Paint. So, they mixed red, blue and yellow paint, to make orange, green and purple.

We sang in church for a Wednesday night Lent Service. Thanks to all the children for singing so beautifully with the hymn, "I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus." We talked about Jesus' cross and learned how Jesus us gave us the VIC-

TORY and defeated sin, death and the devil by dying on the cross and rising again on Easter Sunday. The children glued shells and bow ties on to crosses. The crosses were spray-painted gold and given to the parents as Easter gifts. Kindergarten completed two letter books in two weeks. (Rr and Nn) They have picked up the pace a little bit now that they know the sounds of the vowels. They are doing very well. In Math, they were talking about clocks and time. They can tell the difference between the hour and minute hand and practiced telling time on all sorts of clocks. Congratulations to the Kindergarten for reading 100 BOOKS!

In April – April brought the Ocean to Miss Koch's room, and the colors we find under the water. The children colored fish, and read books telling about the different types of fish that live there. One day they even went "deep sea diving" and discovered a sunken pirate ship full of treasure!

Mrs. Kurtzahn's class finished learning about the alphabet with Zigzag Zz. They learned the shape of the zigzag, and a new song entitled "We're Going to the Zoo." They have also been learning about air and wind in both Kindergarten and Pre-K. They flew kites and

carried pinwheels outside, but had more success with the pinwheels than the kites. In Math, they have been learning about sequence and reviewing addition. We have great mathematicians in our Kindergarten class.

Coming up in May – For the next few weeks in Miss Koch's class we are learning all about bugs! We are going to find out which bugs are good and which are not so good. Some bugs, like spiders, aren't really bugs at all. We're going to learn what makes a bug so special. Mrs. Kurtzahn's Pre-K class is reviewing the alphabet, numbers, colors, and shapes. Kindergarten is having a wonderful time reviewing some of the stories from previous letter books. It has really helped build their confidence in reading.

With only three weeks left, we are getting ready for the end-of-the-year program. It's scheduled for some time during our last week of school (May 21-25). We'd like to invite everyone from both the school and the congregation to attend. Watch for a more specific date in the bulletin! **Thank you so much for all the support we've received this past year.** It really does make a difference to the little lives we teach.

In Christ,
Miss Koch and Mrs. Kurtzahn