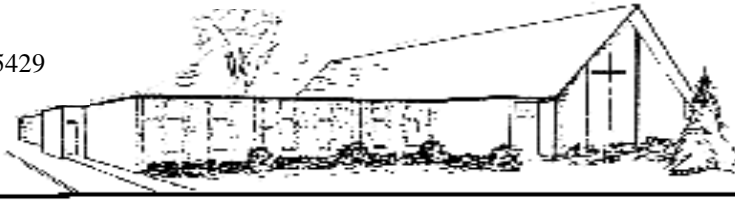




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## ONE MIND, ONE SOUL, ONE PASSION by Pastor Holub

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*When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they (the twelve apostles) were all with one accord in one place.* Acts 2:1

It has been said that the apostles must have been all quite small in stature. It makes sense, if they could indeed all travel to the same place with one "Accord" (as in Honda Accord).

I had to use the King James Version for the Bible verse quoted above. The New International Version we commonly use today does not use the word "accord." It also loses something in the translation which I think is strongly stated in the original Greek. This is how the NIV translates the verse above: ....*They were all together in one place.*

There is more than a subtle difference in the translations. The Greek word for "accord" or "together" is the one from which we get the word "homogenous." As a Twin City resident, you understand how little our metro is homogenous any more. We are far from being Norwegians and Swedes with a smattering of Germans off the farms to the west. We are anything but a homogenous society these days.

The Greek word in Acts 2:1 speaks of a group of people being more than just similar or uniform in background and culture. It speaks of

people being of one mind, one spirit – even one passion. The disciples of Jesus were passionate in their zeal to follow Christ and confess Him before all the world. It was the one great thing that bound them together and made them a force as one in the world.

Oh, for that kind of "accord" in our congregation and synod today! Your pastor was one of the four hundred delegates to the recent biennial convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, which took place at New Ulm. Duke Carstensen was delegate four years ago at the convention in Watertown, Wisconsin.

The biggest concern I as your pastor had in going to the convention was that sitting around in meetings for six days and eating all that great food would add inches to my waistline. It didn't take long to figure out that this convention might not go the way I thought it should. I had done my homework in the traditional Book of Reports and Memorials in the hands of all delegates weeks before the convention. In addition, there had been reams of late resolutions and appeals to digest that came from individuals, churches, and organizations in every quarter of our denomination.

I quickly found out that most of the people on the important committee to which I had been appointed did not share my views on the status of our dear synod and where we should be directing our resources and energy. I had composed one resolution before going to the convention and wrote four others while there, three at the direction of my committee, for their and the general convention's consideration. None of the five reached the floor. On some of the points I was able to address the assembly from a floor microphone. Others will be considered by the ad hoc committee formed to plan out a long term course for our synod.

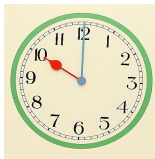
In short, I'm no plumper from being a delegate. The stress and ongoing rush of adrenaline during the week kept me from gaining an ounce. I have now had two weeks to unwind from convention and pounding my mind has been "one accord, one accord." I am reminded of David's words in Psalm

133: *How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity...For there the Lord bestows His blessing, even life forevermore (verses 1 and 3).*



How blessed we are to share the same Gospel! The same doctrine! This great blessing the Lord has bestowed upon us is not present in many denominations today. With one accord we proclaim "life forevermore" in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Lord, give us a full measure of the unity and accord of Your first New Testament believers, that together we might experience "how good and pleasant it is" and bring life forevermore to the greatest number possible. As we labor together, Lord, make us of one accord – one mind, one soul, one passion – as we rally around and for the advancement of Your precious Gospel. Amen.*



## FALL SCHEDULE

Begins September 9

Sunday Worship.....10:00am

Sunday School.....8:45

Adult and Teen Bible Class.....8:55

Choir begins on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00  
Ladies Guild meets the first Tuesday of the month  
(September only it is the second Tuesday at 7:00)

## Did You Know.....?

- Brooklyn Bridge School opening on September 5 at 9:00.
- Fall Worship schedule begins on September 9.
- Choir begins September 12.
- Mission Festival will be held on October 7.



### A GARDEN

*If you are making a garden  
Where flowers or vegetables grow,  
You must work the ground and plant the seed  
Carefully, row on row.*

*A garden is a great deal of work,  
Back-breaking and tiring toil,  
But you're working with God and His miracles  
When you're working with the soil.*

*And that's the way with little ones  
Entrusted to your care,  
We must work the ground and plant the seeds  
And tend them with a prayer.*

*Plant seeds of trust and faith and hope,  
And they will grow big and strong;  
Pull out all hate and envy and greed,  
For these are the weeds of wrong.*

*This truth we know about a child—  
We cannot train him alone,  
But we and God find a miracle  
When the child to an adult has grown.*

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Hi! This is Captain Jesse and First Officer Seth coming to you after those fun-filled days of VBS. We enjoyed bringing messages to you about flying, sharing some exciting activities and having a few more flying lessons.

We both love flying! We are happy to help people travel from one place to another. We work hard at making our flights safe and enjoyable.

But that's not all. We also enjoy spending our days way up in the sky where we can look over God's wonderful creation. The beauty of the lakes, rivers and mountains is breathtaking. Seeing the huge clouds spread their shadows on the farmlands, the spectacular reflection of the moon on the top of a blanket of white clouds, and witnessing the awesome strikes of lightning make us realize how great and powerful our God is.

Oh yes, we certainly love flying, but we can never forget that it is our loving God Who watches over every takeoff and landing we make. We know that His angels are always watching over us, and we know He does all this because He loves us—just as He loves you.

So whether you are flying or riding in a car, whether you are landing at an airport or just watching TV in your living room, always remember that there is a God Who loves you so much He sent Jesus to save you and to be your very best friend.

Vacation Bible School was held last week. We had a new Bible story every day with crafts which we got to take home. We learned new songs. On Friday we went to sing to the people that live at Maranatha. They love it when we come.

We had an average of 22 this year. God bless you, and keep your wing flaps up!

*Captain Jesse and First Officer Seth*

### WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW)

We are continuing with our study of the book of James. The study guide is titled, "*James, How Faith Works*". We also use as a resource the People's Bible on the book of James which was written by Pastor Mark Jeske. The areas we are discussing are "Joy in Trials" "Living Faith" "Growing in Patience" and "Effective Prayer". Each discussion gives us food for thought and the study guide gives us details. James

3:17 sums up our group study best when he says, "*The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.*"

We did continue to meet during the summer months on a limited basis due to schedules. We are resuming a regular meeting on the first and third Mondays of every month beginning in October. For the month of September, WOW will meet on Monday, September 17th, at 7:00pm. We meet in the fellowship area at church. It is the type of study where you can easily join anytime it works for your schedule. Hope to see you again on:

**Monday, September 17 at 7:00pm.**

### BROOKLYN LUTHERAN CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Would you like to be part of a fun group? If your answer is "yes", then the Brooklyn Lutheran Church Choir is the place for you. Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00. We always have a great time and the more the merrier. Come and see what it's all about!

### GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents, grandchildren, and everyone in between are welcome on Sunday, Sept. 9th for a special Service and fellowship after. In Sunday School (8:45am) and Adult Bible Class (8:55am), we will take a look at Bible "grandparents"!

### LADIES GUILD

The Guild is helping Stewardship committee with serving cake, cookies, lemonade and coffee in celebration of Grandparents Sunday, September 9, 2007. The Guild meeting on Sept 11, (Tuesday) will be hearing a report from Arlou Lorenzen on the Detroit LWMS convention held last June 26 for 4 days.

## DEVOTE YOURSELF TO PRAYER

*“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”*

Colossians 4:2

Continue earnestly to pray. Be vigilant in prayer with thanksgiving. Would you like to have power in your life, the answer is prayer. We are prone to pray for 10 minutes or less and think that that’s enough. Pray without ceasing. Think of prayer as an awareness of God. Start your day in prayer, go ahead and pray in the shower. Pray throughout the day. How about when driving to work or to that golf game. There are so many different places to pray. Be creative and think of a new place to pray. How about while waiting in line at the grocery store. And of course end your day with prayer. It’s alright to fall asleep while praying. It just means you are walking a little closer to God when you pray without ceasing. Pray about everything. Tell God what you need and be sure to thank Him for all He has done in your life. So far the first half of the year there have been 23 individuals prayed for by the prayer chain. The prayer chain is there for you. If you would like the **prayer chain** to pray for you or a family member, or a friend, **please call Bonnie Johnson, 763-427-0448.**

## WEST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Pack your lunch and sharpen your pencils! The first day of school is just around the corner. Enrollment is slightly down but school spirit remains high. Stop by for a visit. The hallways got a fresh coat of paint this summer and the floor in the main gym was refinished. The place looks great! Here is a list of upcoming events for the first semester. Mark the dates on your calendar. We hope to see you there!

Sunday, August 26 –  
Opening Service – 3:00  
Friday, September 21 –  
Grandparent’s Day  
Saturday, October 13 –  
Auction  
Tuesday, October 16 –  
Spaghetti Supper Concert  
Saturday, November 3 –  
Twin Cities Fine Arts  
Festival  
Friday, November 16 –  
Fall Play “The Fabulous  
Fable Factory” – 7:00  
Saturday, November 17 –  
Fall Play “The Fabulous  
Fable Factory” – 7:00  
Tuesday, December 18 –  
Christmas Concert

Interested in going to a football, soccer, or volleyball game? Visit our website at [www.wlhs.net](http://www.wlhs.net) for dates, times, and travel directions. Go, Warriors!

**The only way to have a friend is to be one!**

**Student Teacher Housing is needed** for two male student teachers from October 14—December 21, 2007. Jonathan Dannecker and Bradley Nehls will be student teaching at West Lutheran High School. If you would be able to host them for this time period, please contact Principal Merl Meitner @763 509-9378 or [mmeitner@wlhs.net](mailto:mmeitner@wlhs.net).

### From our President - Mike Boyd

Some times we forget but running the church is kind of like running a business or even taking care of our own house. There are bills that need to be paid, commitments that need to be met and repairs that need to be made. All of this takes money. About now you’re ready to go to the next article because you think that I am only going to ask you to give more. Well while that would be great, that is not my intent. I am sure that with your house you know how much money you have to work with week to week, month to month and year to year. Not so with the church. Take a look at the box score of how we do from week to week. It is printed right on the bulletin to show how we are doing. One week our offering is \$3000 and the next week it is \$1500. That makes life difficult for the treasurer.

He does not know from week to week what he has to work with. One way to ease his load is to work with the “Simply Giving” offered by Thrivent. I know that most of you are aware of this direct deposit program that makes it easy to give but many of you have not taken advantage of it as of yet. I would simply ask that you give it another look and ask any questions that you want of myself or any of the others who have taken advantage of this program. It is a simple and easy way to make sure that your regular offering is taken care of week by week or according to another schedule during the month. If you have been thinking of trying it, take this time to do that. It not only simplifies things for you, it gives the church the advantage of knowing what is coming week in and week out. A win-win as they call it. What could be better than “*Simply Giving*”???

**Giving is a thermometer of our love.**

Sunday, October 7 is **fall Mission Festival**. We will have a guest speaker. Plans are for an Ethnic Potluck Dinner following our 10:00 am Service. What is most unique in your family tradition? – whether your roots are from Northern Europe, Western Africa, or somewhere else!



# BROOKLYN LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THE EAGLE EXPRESS WORD FIND

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DAMASCUS	PAUL	WILDERNESS

### YOU SAY

You say: "It's impossible"

You say: "I'm too tired"

You say: "Nobody really loves me"

You say: "I can't go on"

You say: "I can't figure things out"

You say: "I can't do it"

You say: "I'm not able"

You say: "It's not worth it"

You say: "I can't forgive myself"

You say: "I can't manage"

You say: "I'm afraid"

You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated"

You say: "I'm not smart enough"

You say: "I feel all alone"

### GOD SAYS

God says: All things are possible

God says: I will give you rest

God says: I love you

God says: My grace is sufficient

God says: I will direct your steps

God says: You can do all things

God says: I am able

God says: It will be worth it

God says: I Forgive you

God says: I will supply all your needs

God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear

God says: Cast all your cares on ME

God says: I give you wisdom

God says: I will never leave you or forsake you

### BIBLE VERSES

(Luke 18:27)

(Matthew 11:28-30)

(John 3:16 & John 3:34 )

(II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

(Proverbs 3:5- 6)

(Philippians 4:13)

(II Corinthians 9:8)

(Romans 8:28 )

(I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

(Philippians 4:19)

(II Timothy 1:7)

(I Peter 5:7)

(I Corinthians 1:30)

(Hebrews 13:5)



September begins another school year. We have been receiving reg-

istrations slowly through the summer and are off to a good start. Mrs. Kurtzahn and I have lots of exciting things planned.

Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm is "Welcome Back to School" Night. All of the school families are invited to come and meet with the teachers to discuss expectations about the year and school policies. We would like to invite the congregation members to come as well and meet our families. The school needs lots of support in different ways. The congregational attendance at school functions is greatly appreciated by the teachers and school families.

We will also be holding a Harvest Festival again at the end of October. Donations of your help, candy, small toys, and trinkets will be accepted with our thanks at any time. All that attended last year had a wonderful time. We pray that this year will be just as successful.