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Call Days



The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

(2 Timothy 2:2 NIV)

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?¹⁵ And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:14-15 NIV)

What do May 13 and May 18 have in common? On those two days the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) will be blessed with some 150 new servants in the Public Teaching and Preaching Ministry of the Gospel.

In 1850, a number of congregations from the Milwaukee area held the first Wisconsin Synod convention in Granville, Wisconsin. The Synod was formed to carry out activities that an individual congregation would have difficulties doing, but as a united body can be efficiently and effectively carried out. Those activities include training pastors, teachers, and missionaries and sending them out into the world.



By God's grace the WELS has always had a strong worker-training program. Our offerings currently support two preparatory schools—Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, Michigan and Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, Wisconsin. They also support our teacher-training school and pre-seminary-training school—Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota. Our pastoral students move on from there to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin. Because of these confessional, orthodox schools of ministry, we, as a synod, are able to entrust the biblical truths of Sacred Scripture to reliable pastors, teachers, and missionaries who are qualified to teach others.

On Saturday, May 13, at 2:30pm, during a Divine Call Service at Martin Luther College, about 100 teachers will be presented to the church for service and assigned to serve God's people in the Public Teaching ministry in our Lutheran schools.

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**Summer Worship
Schedule
begins May 28th**

Membership Matters

The matters of membership listed below were acted upon or recognized by the Coordinating Council at its April meeting.

Requests for Transfer Out:

Rose Thompson to St. Paul's, North Fond du Lac
 Bryce Schuppe to St. John's, Wauwatosa

Removed Unable to Serve:

Shaina McArthur
 Kylie McArthur

Funeral:

Beverly Stellmacher

Baptisms:

Sam LaBouve Olivia Immel
 Emi LaBouve Izabella Wellens

Greeters Schedule



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| May 7 | 7:45 | Loren & Joan Voss |
| | 10:30 | Lorin & Rose Orvis |
| May 14 | 7:45 | Jill Reynolds Sue Repp |
| | 10:30 | Roger & Laurie Bargaenquast |
| May 21 | 7:45 | Gordon & Justine Port |
| | 10:30 | DuWayne & Marilyn Zamzow |
| May 28 | 7:45 | Ruth Schultz Barb Krug |
| | 10:00 | Randy & Joyce Westphal |

Cleaning Schedule

| Week of: | |
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| May 7 | Bruce & Else Cuppan |
| May 14 | Ralph & Cheryl Retzlaff |
| May 21 | Ralph & Cheryl Retzlaff |
| May 28 | Laurel Woschnick |

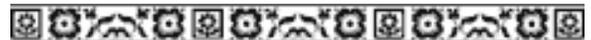


Please call Gregg at
 923 - 1583
 to become a member of the
 "cleaning team".



MAY 1 – 15

MAY 16 – 31



Sue Repp

Else Cuppan

Mary Scheidt

Deb Deere

Karen Krug

**For details on flower donations,
 look for our flower chart
 on the bulletin board at the end of the
 member mailboxes.**



Call Days

On Thursday, May 18, at 10:00am, during a Divine Call Service at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, 31 pastoral candidates will be presented to the church for service in the Public Ministry as parish pastors, tutors, and home and foreign missionaries.

If you have never attended a Divine Call Service, I would encourage you to attend one of these. They are a reminder of how truly blessed our Synod is with a worker-training system that produces Public Ministers of the Gospel who preach and teach God's Word in all its truth and purity. It is a joy to know that yet another generation has the unchanging, saving truth that we are saved by God's grace alone. That undeserved love for us sinners moved him to send his Son Jesus Christ to offer himself up on the cross for the iniquities of us all. By his resurrection from the dead, Jesus proclaimed we are declared "not guilty" of all of our trespasses, and because he lives, we will live with him forever in everlasting glory. This is the message that unites us. This is the message we struggle to pass down to the next generation. This is the saving message that our faithful Public Ministers of the Gospel will carry in our name for the salvation of souls. Thank God for your worker training system. Continue to generously support it with your prayers and your offerings. Encourage young people to consider preparing for the Public Ministry of the Gospel. And be grateful for the gifts of orthodox pastors, teachers, and missionaries that God bestows upon his church.

Looking Ahead to VBS

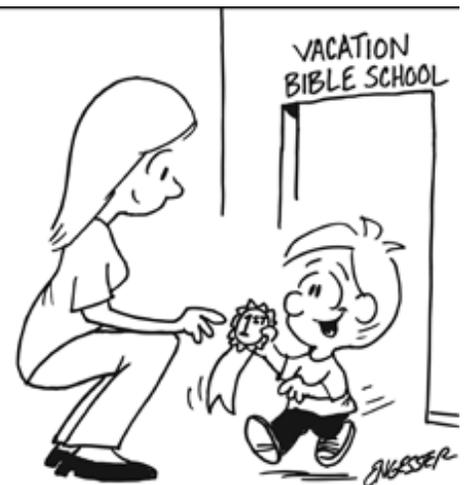
This year's Vacation Bible School "Great Space Race" will be June 26-29 from 9:00 until noon each day. It will be a four-day (Monday-Thursday) program. There will be an organizational meeting on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30pm. If you would like to help out with VBS, please speak with Pastor Guse. You can volunteer for all the days, a day or two, or even for a few hours — all according to your schedule. There is much work to be done, but it is good and enjoyable work!



Confirmation
NEWS

Youth Confirmation

We invite the congregation to celebrate with this year's confirmands. The Public Examination Night is scheduled for Friday, May 5 at 6:30. The Rite of Confirmation will take place on Sunday, May 7 in the 10:30 service. Please keep our confirmands in your prayers as they are ready to confess their faith and become communicant members of our congregation.



"Got first place in Bible trivia by being a Noah't all!"



Changes to the Mailbox Ministry

This is the month! We are now ready to adjust the mailboxes to accommodate our new members and also include all the high school and college students.

The Singing Church—Piano Aspirations

Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.² Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,⁴ praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute,⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD. (Psalm 150:1-6 NIV)

This year we are marking the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran reformation. In addition to reclaiming the saving gospel truths of the Bible for Christ's church, Martin Luther also reclaimed worship for the worshippers. For centuries worship had become more of a spectator sport than an opportunity to actively give glory to God. Martin Luther changed that. He became known as the Nightingale of Wittenberg. He made congregational singing such a part of the church that the Lutheran Church has become known as the Singing Church. He beautifully used music to carry the truths of God's Word into the hearts and minds of God's people. His detractors lamented he won more souls over by his hymns than by his writings.

As children of the Lutheran Reformation, we put a high premium on Divine Worship. It is the lifeblood of our congregation. Through it the Lord serves us with his Word and Sacrament, and we respond with praises of prayers, offerings, and singing. The Lord has blessed us with a regal, stately worship area that reflects the majesty and immanence of our God. He has blessed us with a beautiful organ that provides countless different sounds and settings.

When we moved into our new worship area, a generous soul donated the 1906 Baldwin grand piano we currently use. It is now 111 years old—and pianos don't get more valuable over time like a Stradivarius violin. Time takes its toll on the soundboard and the tuning pegs block. It is becoming increasingly more difficult to keep this grand piano in tune.

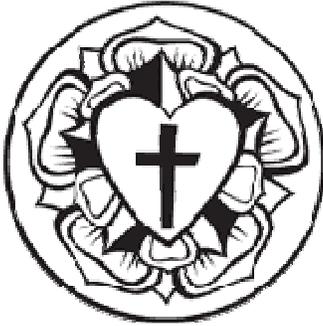
Because of this, a Piano Fund has been set up to purchase a grand piano that is befitting of our God and that will fill our beautiful, large worship space with sounds that give him glory. One couple has already given a gift of \$1,000.

The piano we would like to purchase is a Schimmel Grand Piano made in Germany. It is just over 7 feet long and will beautifully meet the needs of our congregation—in accompanying the choirs and congregation in singing, and in playing pre and post-service music along with the offertories. Its price is around \$38,000. That may seem like an exorbitant amount. But it certainly is in line with the money that was spent in constructing our stately church, and moving and expanding our magnificent organ. After all, worship is the center of our congregational life—we want to give God the best we can offer in worship.

Obviously, this is something we want to fund outside of the budget. Please consider a gift to the Piano Fund. Is it possible that one or two people who love music and singing may want to donate enough to purchase this instrument? It has happened at other churches. Maybe a group of people would like to take the initiative among themselves and see what they can do to help in this effort. The Sunday Morning Bible Class will be contributing. Are there other groups interested? If you want to give a memorial or a special thank-offering to this fund, that would also be appropriate. Remember, no matter what the size of the gift, together, over time we can meet this goal. Will it be a long time or a short time? Only time will tell. Wouldn't it be nice to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation with a brand new piano that will serve our congregation to the glory of God for decades to come?



OUR REFORMATION 500 CELEBRATION SERVICE THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD:



Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 2:00pm

The Performing Arts Center, Appleton, Wisconsin
Preacher: Rev. Paul Koelpin (MLC)

The Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Choir will take part in the service under the direction of Professor James Tiefel. The WLA Choir will be also be participating in this service, we will not have a WLA Area Reformation Service in 2017.

Church Directory Pictures

July 25-29

Aug. 8-12

Sept. 12-16




Central Africa Medical Mission
Door Offering
May 11 & 14

NURSING POINTS OF INTEREST

Morning Power

Want to start your day off right? Add some protein to your morning meal. Research shows that getting plenty of this nutrient first thing helps you stay full and satisfied longer. It may even help you eat less throughout the day.

Canadian Bacon-and-Egg Sandwich

Craving bacon? Cook up the Canadian kind. Made from lean cuts of pork, a two-slice serving has 12 grams of protein and less than 2 grams of fat. Serve it on a whole-wheat English muffin with an egg. You'll stay full: Research shows that people who had eggs in the morning ate 22% fewer calories at lunch than those who had a bagel.

Cottage Cheese with Fruit

There's a reason cottage cheese is thought of as a slim-down staple: A half-cup delivers 12 grams of protein. It's a source of leucine, an amino acid that's an important building block for muscles. Choose a low-fat, no-sodium-added version, and pair it with fruit, or add it to your morning smoothie or oatmeal.

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NURSING POINTS OF INTEREST

Fill Up Early: More Ways to Get Protein at Breakfast

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Black Bean Scramble

Upgrade plain scrambled eggs by mixing in sautéed peppers, black beans, and a little cheddar cheese. The beans add a protein boost — 7 grams per quarter-cup — and they're high in disease-fighting antioxidants and fiber. As a bonus, you'll get immunity-boosting vitamin C from the peppers.

Quinoa Porridge

This whole grain is actually a tiny seed, and it's packed with protein. One cup delivers 8 grams. For breakfast, serve quinoa as a delicious oatmeal-like porridge, and add your favorite toppings, like cinnamon, fresh fruit, and nuts.

Greek Yogurt Pancake

Greek yogurt can bring protein and a tangy flavor to pancakes. To make them, mix it in with an egg and skim milk. Then add it to your pancake mix. Top your stack with more yogurt and fruit.

Breakfast Burrito

The morning is the perfect time to polish off some protein-rich leftovers. Dice last night's chicken, steak, or pork, and add it to a scrambled egg. Put the filling in a whole-wheat tortilla, along with salsa and a few avocado slices for a quick breakfast. In a rush? Wrap the burrito in aluminum foil for an on-the-go meal.

Chicken or Turkey Sausage with Eggs and Toast

Like other meat products, pork sausage is a source of protein. But it's often high in saturated fat, the kind that can raise your cholesterol. Look for leaner versions made from chicken and turkey. Serve it with eggs, whole-wheat toast, and fruit, or add it to your omelet or quiche.

Fruit-and-Protein Smoothie

Sip servings of fruit and protein in your morning smoothie. Start with fruit, such as banana or berries; a cup of milk; and a few ice cubes. For extra protein, add some Greek yogurt or whey protein powder. You can toss in a spoonful of cocoa powder to make it a chocolate treat.



Overnight Oats with Nuts

No time to simmer oatmeal on the stove? No problem. You can make a no-cook version in seconds. Mix equal parts oatmeal with milk. Pop it in the fridge, and the oats will soften overnight. In the morning, top it with cinnamon or, for extra protein, nuts or ground flaxseed. You can warm it up in the microwave or enjoy it cold.